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North Carolina ss

At a general meeting of Deputies of the Inhabitants ~~People~~ of this Province at Newbern the 25th day of August Anno Dom 1774. —

Appeared for

Anson County, Samuel Spencer, William Thomas
Beaufort .... Roger Ormond, Thomas Respess Junr
Bladen ..... William Salter, Walter Gibson
Bute ..... William Person, Green Hill
Brunswick — Robert Howe.
Bertie .... — John Campbell.
Craven — James Coor, Samuel Hatch,
Joseph Leech, Richard Cogdell
Carteret .... William Thomson
Currituck — Sol.o Perkins, Nathan Poyner, Samuel Jarvis.
Chowan, — Samuel Johnston, Thomas Oldham Benbury, Thomas Jones, ~~Thomas Oldham~~, Thomas Hunter.
Cumberland — Jerguard Campbell, Thomas Rutherford
Chatham —
Dobbs .... — Richard Caswell, William McKinnie
George Miller, Simon Bright —
Duplin, — Thomas Gray, Thomas Rix,
James Kenan, William Dickson —
Edgcomb. —
Granville — Thomas Person, Memucan Hunt
Guilford —
Hyde, — Samuel Smith, Bethas Latham

Hertford — —

Halifax — Nicholas Long, Willie Jones,

Johnston — Needham Bryan, Benjamin Williams
~~Samuel Smith Esq. William Bryan~~

Mecklenburg — Benjamin Patton, ~~James Balch~~,

Martin — Edmond Smithwick

New Hanover — John Ashe, William Hooper

Northampton, Allen Jones,

Orange, — Thomas Hart,

Onslow — William Gray,

Perquimons — John Harvey, Benjamin Harvey, Andrew Knox,
Thomas Harvey, John Wheedbee Jr.

Pasquotank — Joseph Jones, Edward Everegin, Joseph Redding

Pitt — John Simpson, Edward Salter

Rowan — William Kennon, Moses Winslow, Saml. Young,

Surry — —

Tryon — David Jenkins, Robert Alexander —

Tyrril — Joseph Spruil, Jeremiah Frazier

Wake —

New Bern — Abner Nash, Isaac Edwards. —

Edenton — Joseph Hewes,

Wilmington — Francis Clayton

Bath — William Brown,

Halifax — John Gadsy

Hillsborough —

Salisbury —

Brunswick, —

Campbelton —

The Deputies then Proceed to make Choice of a Moderator, when Colo. John Harvey was Unanimously Chosen, and Mr. Andrew Knox appointed Clerk.

The Meeting Adjourned till 9 Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Friday August 26. 1774

The Meeting met Acording to Adjournm.t

Mr. Hewes one of the Committee of Correspondance presented several Letters from the Committees of Correspondance of the other Colonies in America & the several answers thereto, which on Motion was ordered to be read, which he accordingly read, And after the most mature deliberation had thereon

Resolved That three delegates be appointed to attend the Gineral Congress to be held at Philadelphia some time in September next.

Then the meeting Adjourned till 8 Clock to Morrow Morn.

Saturday August 27th 1774

The Meeting met according to Adjournment, and Came to the following Resolutions to wit

We His Majestys most dutyful and Loyal Subjects, the Deputies from the Several Countries and Towns of the Province of North Carolina, impressed with the most Sacred Respect for the British Constitution, and Resolved to maintain the Succession of the House of Hanover as by Law Established, and avowing our inviolable and Unshaken Fedility to our Sovereign, and entertaining a Sincere regard for our Fellow Subjects in Great Britain, Viewing with the utmost abhorrence every attemp which may tend to disturb the peace and good order of this Colony or to shake the Fedility of His Majestys Subjects resident Here, but at the Same time Conceiving it a duty which we owe to ourselves and Posterity, in the Present Alarming state of British America, when our most Essential rights are invaded, by powers unwarrantably assumed by the Parliament of Great Britain to declare our Sentiments in the most Public Manner, least our Silence should be Construed as Acquiescence, and that we patiently Submit to the Burthen, which they have thought fit to impose upon us

Resolved that His Majesty George the third is lawful and rightful King of Great Britain, and the Dominions thereunto belonging, and of this Province as part thereof, and that we do bear faithful and true allegiance unto him as our Lawful Sovereign, and that we will to the utmost of our power, Maintain

and Defend the Succession of the House of Hanover as by law Established against the open or private attempts of any person or power whatsoever —

Resolved, That we claim no more than the rights of Englishmen, without Deminition or abridgment that it is our indispensible duty, and will be our Constant endeavour to maintain those rights to the utmost of our power, Consistently with the Loyalty which we owe our Sovereign and a Sacred — regard for the British Constitution —

Resolved, That it is the very essence of the British Constitution that no Subject should be Taxed but by his own Consent freely given by himself in person, or by his Legal Representatives, and that any other than Such a Taxation is highly Derogatory to the rights of a Subject and a gross violation of the Grand Charter of our Liberties.

Resolved That as the British Subjects resident in North America have not nor can have any representation in the Parliament of Great-Britain, That therefore any Act of Parliament imposing a Tax upon them is illegal and unconstitutional, And that our Provincial Assemblies Under the King by His Governor Constituting one Branch thereof, Solely and Exclusively possess that right.

Resolved, That the duties imposed by the several Acts of the British Parliament upon Tea and other Articles Consumed in America for the purpose of Raising a Revenue are highly illegal and oppressive, and that the late exportation of Tea by the East India Company to different parts of America, was intended to give

effect to one of the said Acts, and thereby Establish a Precedent, highly Dishonorable to America, and to obtain an implied assent to the powers which Great-Britain had unwarrantably assumed, of levying a tax upon us without our Consent.

Resolved. That the Inhabitants of the Massechusetts — Province have Distinguished themselves in a manly support of the rights of America in General, and that the Cause in which they now Suffer is the cause of every honest American, who Deserves the blessings which the Constitution holds forth to him. That the Grievances under which the Town of Boston Labours at present are the effect of a resentment kindled at them, for having stood ~~forward forth~~ foremost in opposition to Measures which must eventually have involved all British America in a state of abject Dependence and Servitude —

The Act of Parliament commonly called the Boston port act as it tends to shut up the port of Boston, and thereby effectually to destroy its Trade, and deprive the Merchants and Manufacturers of a Subsistance, which they have hitherto Secured by an Honest — industry, as it takes away the Wharves Quays and other Properties of many individuals by rendering it Useless to them, and as the Duration of this Act depends upon Circumstances founded Merely in opinion, and in their Nature indeterminate and thereby may make the Miseries it carries with it even

Perpetual; Resolved therefore that it is the most Cruel
infringement of the rights and privileges of the people
of Boston, both as Men and Members of the British
Government —

Resolved, That the late Act of Parliament for regulating the
Polic of that Province is an infringement of the
Charter right granted them by their Majesty's
King William & Queen Mary & tends to loosen that
sacred Confidence which ought to be placed in the
Acts of Kings —

Resolved, That Trial by Juries of the Vicinity is the
only Lawful inquest that can pass upon the life of
a British Subject, and that it is a right handed
down to us from the Earliest Ages, Confirmed and
Sanctified by Magna Charta itself, That no freeman
shall be taken and imprisoned, or dispossessed of his
free Tenement and Liberties or Outlawed or banished
or anywise hurt or injured unless by the legal
Judgment of his Peers or by the Law of the Land, and
therefore all who suffer otherwise are not Victims to
Public Justice, but fall a Sacrifice to the power of
Tyranny and high handed oppression —

Resolved that the Bill for altering the administration of
Justice in Certain Criminal Cases within the Province
of Massechusetts Bay as it impowers the Governor
thereof to send to great Britain for Trial all
per-

persons who in aid of his Majesty's Officers shall
Commit any Capital Offence is fraught with
the highest injustice and Partiality, and will
tend to produce frequent bloodshed of the Inhabitants
as this Act furnishes an opportunity to commit
the most atrocious crimes
with the greatest probability of impunity —

Resolved, That we will not directly or indirectly after
the first day of January 1775. Import from great
Britain any East India Goods or any Merchan-
dize whatever (Medicines Excepted) nor will
after that day import from the West Indies or
else where any East India or British Goods or
Manufactures, nor will we purchase any such
Articles so imported of any Person or persons
whatever except such as are now in the Country,
or may arrive on or before the said first Day of
January 1775. —

Resolved that unless American Grievances are
redressed before the first Day of October 1775, We
will not after that day directly or indirectly, —
Export Tobacco, Pitch, Tar, Turpintine or any
other Article Whatever to great Britain, nor
will we sell any such articles as we think
can be exported to great Britain with a Prospect
of Gain to any person or persons Whatever,

With a design of Putting it in his or their power to
Export the Same to great Britain, either on our own
his or their Account —

Resolved, That we will Neither import any Slaves
or Slaves nor purchase any Slave or Slaves —
Imported or brought into this Province by others
from any part of the world after the first Day of
November Next. —

Resolved That we will not Use nor Suffer East India
Tea to be used in our Families after the tenth Day
of September Next, and that we will Consider all
persons in this Province not Complying with this
Resolve to be Enemies to their Contry.

Resolved That the Venders of Merchandize within this
Province ought not to take advantage of the Resolves
relating to non importation in this Province or elsewhere,
but ought to sell their Goods and Merchandize
which they have or may hereafter import at the
same rates they have been accustomed to sell
them within three Months last past. —

Resolved, That the People of this Province will break
off all Trade Commerce and Dealing, and will not
Maintain any the least Trade Dealing or Commer-
cial Intercourse with any Colony on this Continent
or with any City or Town, or with any Individual
in Such Colony, City, or Town which shall refuse
decline or Neglect to adopt and Carry into Execution

such General Plan as shall be agreed to in the Continental Congress. —

Resolved, That we approve of the proposal of a General Congress to be held in the City of Philadelphia on the 20th of September Next, then and there to Deliberate upon the present state of British America, and to take such Measures as they may deem prudent to effect the purpose of Describing with Certainty the rights of Americans, repairing the Breaches ~~Lately been attempted~~ made in those rights ~~against them~~, and for guarding them for the future from any such Violations done under the Sanction of public Authority. —

Resolved That, William Coopers, Joseph Bowes, and Richard Carwell Esqrs and every of them be Deputies to attend such Congress and they are hereby invested with such powers as may make any Acts done by them or Consent given in behalf of this Province Obligatory in honor upon every Inhabitant hereof, who is not an alien to his Countrys good, and an Apostate to the Liberties of America —

Resolved, That they view the Attempts made by the Minister upon the Town of Boston as a prelude to a General Attack upon the rights of the other

Colonies, and that upon the Success of this, Depends in a great Measure the happiness of America, in its present Race, and in Posterity, and that therefore it becomes our duty to Contribute in proportion to our abilities to ease the Burthens imposed upon that Town, for their Virtuous opposition to the Revenue Acts— ~~and~~ that they may be enabled to persist in a prudent and Manly opposition to the Schemes of Parliament and render its Dangerous Designs abortive —

Resolved that Liberty is the Spirit of the British Constitution, and that it is the duty, and will be the endeavour of us as British Americans to Transmit this happy Constitution to our Posterity, in a State if Possible better than we found it, and that-to Suffer it to undergo a Change which may impair ~~the Value~~ that invaluable blessing would be to ~~disgrace~~ those Ancestors, who at the expence of their ~~Lives~~ blood purchased those Privileges, which their Degenerate Posterity are too weak or too Wicked to maintain inviolate —

Resolved That at every future Provincial M[illegible] when any Division shall happen, the m[illegible] be observed shall be to Vote by the Counties and Towns (having a right to Send Members to Assembly) that shall be represented at every such Meeting and it is Recommended to the Deputies of the Sev[illegible]

Boston

Counties that a Committee of five persons be
Chosen in Each County by Such persons as Accede
to ~~this~~ Association to take Effectual Care that
these Resolves be Properly observed, and to
Correspond Occasionally with the Provincial
Committee of Correspondance of this Province
Resolved, That each and every County in this Province
Raise as Speedily as Possible the Sum of Twenty
Pounds Proclamation Money, and pay the same
into the hands of Richard Carvle Esquire to be
by him equally divided among the Deputies
appointed to attend the Genral Congress at
Philadelphia as a Recompence for their trouble
and Expence in attending the said Congress -
Resolved, That the Moderator of this Meeting and
in Case of his Death Samuel Johnston Esquire
be impowered on any future Occasion that may
in his Opinion require it to Convene the Several
Counties of this Province (which now are or
hereafter shall be Chosen) at Such time and place
as he shall think Proper, and in Case of the
Death or absence of any Deputy, it is recom-
mended that another be Chosen in his Stead

Resolved That the following be Instructions for the Deputies appointed to meet in General Congress on the part of this Colony, to wit

That they express our Sincere attachment to our most Gracious Sovereign King George the third and our Determined Resolution to support his Lawful Authority in this Province, at the same time that we Cannot depart from a Steady — adherence to the first Law of Nature, a firm and Resolute defence of our persons & properties, against all Unconstitutional encroachments — whatsoever —

That they assert our right to all the Privileges of British Subjects, particularly that of paying no Taxes or duties but with our own Consent, and that the Legislature of this Province have the Exclusive power of making Laws to regulate our Internal Polity, Subject to His Majesty's — disallowance —

That Should the British Parliament Continue to Exercise the power of Levying Taxes and duties on the Colonies, and making Laws to bind them in all Cases, whatsoever; such Laws must be highly unconstitutional and oppressive to the Inhabitants of British America, who have not and for

their Local circumstances cannot have a fair and equal representation in the British Parliament, and that these disadvantages must be greatly inhanced by the Misrepresentations of designing men inimical to the Colonies, the influence of whose reports cannot be guarded against by Reason of the distance of America from them, or as has been unhapily experienced in the Case of the Town of Boston when the Doors of Administration have been Shut against every attempt to Vindicate a people who claimed only the right of being heard in their own defence.

Therefore
That, till we obtain an explicit Declaration & Acknowledgment of our rights, we agree to Stop all imports from Great Britain after the first Day of January 1775. And that we will not Export any of our Commodities to great Britain after the first Day of October 1775.—

That they Cannot ~~in Conjunction~~ with the Deligates or Deputies from the other Colonies in such Regulations, Addresses or Remonstrances

as may be deemed most Probable to restore a lasting Harmony and Good Understanding with Great-Britain; a Circumstance we most Sincerely and Ardently desire, and that they agree with the Majority of them in all Necessary Measures for promoting a redress of such Grievances, as may come under their Consideration —

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Resolved that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Honble John Harvey Esqr Moderator of ~~this Meeting~~ for his faithful exercise of that Office, and the Services he has thereby rendered to this Province and the Friends of America in General —

John Harvey Moderator
Saml. Spencer
Wm Thomas
Roger Ormond
Thomas Respass Junr
William Falla
Walter Goodall
William [illegible]
Green Hill
R Howe
Jn Campbell
James Coor
Samuel Hatch

[illegible]
Jon Thomas Junr
Jot. Dixon
William Joyner
Sam Jarvis
Sam Johnston
Jno. Benbury
Jno. Norris
Jno. Oldham
Jno. Hunter
Jerg. Campbell

Jn° Rutherford
Caswell
Wm M Kinne
Geo Miller
Simon Bright
Holgray
Tho Hicks
James Keenan
Wm Dickson
Thomas Person
M Hunt
Sam Smith
Matthew Lathom
Nicholas Long
Willie Jones
Needham Bryan
Benjn Williamson
Benjamin Patton
John Ashe
Will Hooper
Tho Hart
Wm Craig
Ben Harvey

Andrew Knox
Thomas Harvey
Whitfield
Joseph Jones
Edwd Lovingin
Joseph Reding
John Simpson
Edward Salter
Will Kenrick
Moses Winsley
Saml Young
David Jenkins
Hall Howard
Jos Sprull
Edwards
Joseph Howes
Francis Clayton
Wm Brown
John Grady
Edward Fenthwick
Jeremiah Frances

North Carolina ss

At a Genral Meting of Delegates of the Inhabitants of this province in Convention at New Bern the third day of April in the Year One thousand seven hundred & Seventy five

For Anson County

Beaufort	Roger Ormond & Thomas Respess junr
Bladen	William Salter and James White
Bute	William Person, Green Hill, James Ranson & Thomas Eaton
Brunswick	John Rowan Robert Howe
Bertie	John Campbell David Stanley John Johnston
Craven	James Coor Samuel Heath, Jacob Blount William Bryan, Richard Cogdell, Joseph Leech
Carteret	William Thompson, Solomon Sheppard
Currituck	Thomas Macknight, Francis Williamson Samuel Jarvis, Solomon Perkins, Nathan Boyden
Chowan	Samuel Johnston, Thomas Oliham, Thomas Jones Thomas Benbury, Thomas Hunter
Cumberland	Thomas Rutherford, Farquard Campbell
Chatham	
Dobbs	Richard Caswell William Wilkinie — Simon Bright junr, George Miller
Duplin	Thomas Gray, Thomas Hicks
Edgecombe	
Granville	Thomas Person, John Penn, Robert Burn Lord Robert Williams, Memucan Hunt
Guilford	Alexander Martin
Hyde	
Hertford	George Wyms Joseph Worth.
Halifax	Willie Jones, Benjamin M.Culloh Nich.s Long
Johnston	
Mecklenburg	
Martin	
Newhanover	William Hooper, John Ashe

Northampton	Allen Jones, Jeptha Atherton
Orange	Thomas Hart, Thomas Burk —
	John Kinchen, Francis Nash
Anson	Edward Starkey, Henry Rhodes, William Gray
Perquimans	John Harvey, Benjamin Harvey —
	Andrew Knox, Thos. Harvey, John Whidbee junr
Pasquotank	Jonathan Hearing, Edward Everigin
	Isaac Gregory, Joseph Jones, Joseph Reading
Pitt	John Simpson, Edward Salter, James Gorham
	James Lanier, William Robson
Rowan	Griffith Rutherford, William Sharp
	William Kenon
Surry	
Tryon	
Tyrrell	Joseph Spruel, Benjamin Spruell —
	Jeremiah Frazier
Wake	John Hinton, Michael Rogers, Signal Jones
New Bern Town	Abner Nash, James Davis
Edenton	Joseph Hewes
Wilmington	Cornelius Harnett
Bath	William Brown
Halifax Town	John Webb, Joseph Montfort
Hillsborough	
Salisbury	
Brunswick Town	Parker Quince
Campbelton	Robert Rowan

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The respective Counties and Towns having certified that the preceding persons were duly Elected Delegates to represent the said Counties and Town in the General Convention to be held at Newbern the third day of April instant

pursuant to which the following persons appeared, towit

Messrs. Roger Ormond
Thomas Respess
William Salter
James White
William Person
Green Hill
Thomas Eaton
John Campbell
John Johnston
James Moor
Samuel Hatch
Jacob Blount
Richard Cogdell
Joseph Leech
William Thompson
Solomon Sheppard
Thomas Macknight
Samuel Jarvis
Solomon Perkins
Nathan Joyner
Samuel Johnston
Thomas Oldham
Thomas Jones
Thomas Benbury
Thomas Hunter
Thomas Rutherford
Farquhard Campbell
Richard Caswell
Thomas Person

Messrs. Thomas Hicks
John Penn
Memucan Hunt
Willie Jones
Benjamin McCulloh
Nicholas Long
William Hooper
John Ashe
Allen Jones
Jeptha Atherton
Thomas Burke
Francis Nash
Edward Starkey
Henry Rhodes
William Gray
John Harvey
Andrew Knox
Isaac Gregory
Joseph Jones
Griffith Rutherford
William Sharpe
Jeremiah Frazier
John Hinton
Abner Nash
James Davis
Joseph Hewes
Cornelius Harnett
William Brown
John Simpson
Edward Salter
James Gorham
James Lanier

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The Delegates then proceeded to make choice of a Moderator, when Col.o John Harvey was unanimously chosen and Mr. Andrew Knox appointed Clerk.

Resolved that the Moderator adjourn the Convention De die in Diem untill the Business is finished

The Convention is Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9.o Clock

Tuesday April the 4.th 1775.

The Convention met according to Adjournment

Mr. John Webb the Delegate for the Town of Halifax Mr. William Bryan one of the Delegates for Craven County Mr. George Wyms one of the Delegates for Hertford County and Mr. Alexander Martin a Delegate for Guilford County appeared and took their seat in Convention

The Convention adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9.o Clock

Wednesday April the 5.th 1775

The Convention met according to Adjournment

Mr. Jonathan Hearing one of the Delegates for Pasquotank County and Mr. David Standley the Delegates for Bertie County appeared took their Seats in Convention

In consequence of the preceding Resolve all the Members of the Convention subscribed their Names at the Table except Mr. Thomas Macknight who refused

Resolved that the Conduct of William Hooper Joseph Hewes and Richard Caswell Esquires in the Meeting of Deligates Lately held at Philadelphia was in every particular worthy of the Sacred Trust reposed in them; and that the Moderator do in behalf of this Colony in General and of this Convention in Particular return them their thanks, which their faithful discharge of such an important Trust so justly Merits

In Consequence whereof the Moderator returned them thanks in the Manner following

Gentlemen

The Sacred Trust reposed in you by your Country so faithfully discharged by you, does honor to Yourselves, justifies the Choice made of you by the last Convention, and places you in a Situation to receive, the best reward a Patriotic Breast can feel, the applause of your Country; who in order to bear Testimony of your Merit have directed me to convey to you their sincere Thanks for the services you have rendered them in the important Office to which they appointed you, and it is with great Pleasure, I now [illegible] Gentlemen in behalf of this Colony [illegible] and of this Convention in Particular [illegible] those thanks which have been so unanimously Resolved by the Convention to be yours

to which the Delegates returned the following Answer

We the Delegates appointed to represent this Province in the Continental Congress late held at Philadelphia beg leave to express a heartfelt gratitude for this publick Testimonial, which we have received from you of the Approbation of our Constituents of our Conduct in the most important Transaction in which any Members of Society can have been engaged

With Diffidence we undertook the sacred trust of being joined to a Body of Men appointed to be the Guardians of the Constitutional Rights and Privileges of British America. If we have executed that Charge to give satisfaction to the Inhabitants of this Province our Actions meet the most ample Reward that any Number of Men can experience. One motive in this important Measure namely a Sacred Regard for the Rights and Privileges of British America and an earnest wish to bring about a reconciliation to their Parent State upon Terms Constitutional and Honorable to both hath hitherto Actuated us. our earnest Wishes are that this Province may virtuously adhere to the Resolves of the Continental Congress as the [illegible] which will most probably bring about [illegible] which all those Friends to America most earnestly desire

at the same time Accept for our Warmest Acknowledgments for the Polite Manner in which you [illegible] to convey the Sentiments of this truly [illegible]

On Motion Resolved that the Instructions of the Inhabitants of Perquimans County to their delegates appointed to meet at this Convention entered into on the eleventh day of March last be read, which were accordingly read, One of which said Instructions being, "That the thanks of the "Inhabitants of that County be given to William Hooper "Joseph Hewes and Richard Caswell Esquires for their "faithful and judicious discharge of the trust Reposed "in them at the late Continental Congress" —

pursuant to which Col. John Harvey one of the delegates for the said County in the Name of the Inhabitants ~~thereof~~ of the ~~said County~~ gave their thanks to the Gentlemen aforesaid

To which the Delegates ~~aforesaid~~ returned the following answer —

Permit us Sir, to express our sincere gratitude for this Testimony of the approbation given thro you by the Inhabitants of the County of Perquimons of the Conduct of us the Delegates of this Province in the Continental Congress at Philadelphia. Actuated with a Zeal for the preservation of the Constitutional Liberties of America and an earnest desire to bring about a reconciliation with the Mother Country upon Terms that may restore us to the fullest enjoyment of our just rights and privileges and secure them for future from the encroachments of wea[illegible] we signed our Assent to the Proceedings of [illegible] and we could meet nothing more com[illegible] of the propriety of our Conduct in that Re[illegible] that it obtains the approbation o[illegible]

of Perquimons, To you Sir, we beg leave to offer our Tribute of thanks for the polite Manner in which You have thought fit to Convey the sense of that respectable Body. —

On Motion, Resolved that William Hooper Joseph Hewes and Richard Caswell Esquires be and are hereby appointed Delegates to Attend the General Congress to be held at Philadelphia on the Tenth day of May next or at any other time and place that shall be appointed for that purpose and they are hereby invested with such Powers as may make any Acts done by them or any of them or consent given in behalf of this Province Obligatory in honour upon every Inhabitant thereof

The Convention Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9o Clock.

Thursday April 6th 1775

The Convention met aworing to Adjournment

Mr. William Robson one of the Delegates for Pitt County appeard and took his Seat in Convention

On Motion Resolved that each and [illegible] County in this Province raise as Speedily [illegible] the sum of Twenty Pounds Proclamation [illegible] be collected by the respective Delegates of [illegible] County in manner as shall appear to them [illegible] venient and pay the same into the [illegible] Richard Caswell Esquire to be

by him equally divided among the Delegates ~
appointed to attend the General Congress at Philadel:phia as a recompence for their trouble and expence in attending the said Congress.

Mr Thomas Macknight a Delegate for the County of Currituck having been called upon to sign with the other Members of this Convention the Association approved of by the Continental Congress held at Philadelphia thereupon refused and withdrew himself &c

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Convention that from the disingenuous and equivocal behaviour of the said Thomas Macknight, it is manifest his intentions are inimical to the cause of American Liberty and we do hold him up as a proper object of Contempt to this Continent, and do recommend that every person break off all connection and have no future Commercial intercourse or dealing with him — &c

Resolved that the above Resolve be ~ published in the Gazettes of this and the neighbouring Colonies

The Convention adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock

Friday 7th April 1775

The Convention met according to Adjournment —

Resolved that the Moderator of this Convention and in case of his death [illegible] be impowered on any future occasion [illegible] may in his Opinion require it, to direct Deputies to be Chosen for the respective Counties in this Province to meet in Convention

the Town of Hillsborough at such time as he shall think proper to appoint and in Case that the Members of a Majority of the Counties and Towns do not appear at the Day appointed that he be impowered to Adjourn the Convention De die in Diem until a sufficient number shall appear

Resolved that the Clerk furnish Mr James Davis with a Copy of the proceedings of this Convention and that Mr Davis print the same

Resolved that this Convention do most heartily approve of the conduct and proceedings of the late Continental Congress and will endeavour to carry into execution the measures by them recommended, and that the most earnest wishes and desires of this convention are to see Harmony restored between Great Britain and her Colonies on honorable and constitutional Principles, that which alone can give the same the same may be or a lasting foundation: that we will exert our utmost endeavours towards the compleating of this important purpose; and are of opinion that the late Commercial Regulations are the most eligible means for attaining this desirable end -

And whereas the Freedom happiness prosperity of every state greatly depends providing within itself Articles necessary for Subsistance cloathing and of its Inhabitants

Resolved ~~that~~ from common prudence and a regard for this Colony we will encourage arts Manufactures agriculture and every kind of Economy and to use our influence for the same purpose with our Constituents and all connected with us — and ~~for an encouragement of the same~~ we recommend to the Committees of the several Counties to propose such premiums to the Inhabitants, whose industry may be a proper subject for their Bounty, in such Manner as to them shall seem meet.

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Resolved That so soon as Great Britain shall relinquish all Claims of Right to make Laws for regulating our internal Polity, we will chearfully add our strongest Efforts to every Measure tending to the Glory and Advantage of the whole British Empire

Resolved that his Majesty's Subjects have an Undoubted right at any time to Petition and petition the Throne for a redress of Grievances and that such Right includes a further Right of appointing Delegates for such Purpose and therefore that the Governors Proclamation issued to forbid this Meeting and his Proclamation afterwards commanding this meeting to disperse are illegal and an infringement of our just rights and therefore ought to be disregarded as Cruel and arbitrary exertions of Power

Resolved that the Thanks of this Convention be given to the Hon.ble John Harvey [illegible] for his judicious and faithful [illegible] Office and the Services he has therein rendered to his County

Resolved that the Hon.ble John Harvey Esq.r
moderator of this Convention sign the
Minutes for and in behalf of the same

John Harvey Moderator

Attested by
Andrew Knox Cl. C.

North Carolina

Pursuant to a Revolve of the late Convention
Mr. Samuel Johnston summoned a Meeting of the Delegates
at Hillsborough on the 20th day of August 1775 at
which time the Members from a Majority of the Counties
and Towns not appearing, he adjourned the Congress
till to Morrow Morning 10 o Clock

Monday the 21st of August 1775

At a general meeting of Delegates of the Inhabitants of this Province at Hillsborough the 21st day of August Anno Dom. 1775. aforesaid

For. Anson County — Thomas Wade, Sam.l Spencer, William Thomas David Love and William Picket.

Beaufort — Roger Ormond, Thomas Respess junr. John Patten and John Cooper

Bladen — William Faller Walter Gibson, Thomas Owen Thomas Robinson junr. and Nathaniel Richardson

Bertie — William Gray, Jonathan Jaycocks Charles Jaycocks William Brimage, William Bryan Zedekiah Stone Thomas Ballard, Peter Clifton David Standley John Campbell & John Johnston

Brunswick — Robert Howe, Robert Ellis Parker Quince, Thomas Allen and Roger Moore

Burke — Green Hill, William Person, Thomas Eaton the Rev.d Henry Pattillo, Peter Summer & Jonah Reddick

Craven — James Coor, William Bryan Richard Cogdell Joseph Leech, Jacob Blount & Edmund Tatt

Carteret — John Eason, William Thomson, Brice Williams Solomon Sheppard and Enoch Ward

Currituck — Thomas Jarvis Gideon Lamb James Ryan James White and Solomon Sims

Rowan — Samuel Johnston Thomas Jones, Thomas Benbury James Blount Thomas Hunter & Jonah Granberry

Cumberland — Farquard Campbell Thomas Rutherford Alex.r McAllister David Smith and Alexander McKay

Chatham — Elisha Cain, Richard Lemon, Matthew Jones Jedithan Harper, John Birdsong, Ambrose Ramsey

Dobbs — Richard Caswell, Simon Bright, James Glasgow, Abraham Sheppard, Spyers Singleton George Miller and Andrew Bass.

Johnston — For.a Roger, Rob.t Rutherford John Thompson, Wm. Yarb

Duplin — James Kenan, William Dickson, Thomas Gray Richard Clinton & Thomas Hicks

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Edgecomb	Robert Bignal Henry Irwin Duncan Lamon Thomas Hunter and Thomas Har Hall
Granville	Thomas Person, John Penn, John Williams John Taylor and Memucan Hunt
Guilford	Alexander Martin Ranson Sutherland James Park Farley, Thomas Henderson, William Dent Geo. Gaither and Nathaniel Williams Samuel Gispin
Hyde	Joseph Hancock and John Jordan
Hertford	William Murfree Lawrence Baker Matthias Brickle Day Ridley and George Wynns
Halifax	Nicholas Long, James Hogan, David Jamine John Webb & John Geddy
Johnston	Benjamin Williams Samuel Smith Needham Bryan William Bryan & John Smith
Mecklenberg	Thomas Polk, John Phifer, Walter Avery Samuel Martin James Houston & John Witt Alexander.
Martin	Kenneth McKenzie, Whitmill Hill John Everitt William Slade, John Stuart & William Williams
Newhanover	George Moore Alexander Lininger[illegible] Samuel Ashe, William Hooper, James Moore and John Ashe
Northampton	Joseph Atherton, Allen Jones, Howell Edmunds Drewry Gee and Samuel Lockhart
Onslow	Isaac Guion Henry Rhodes Edward Starkey John Spicer Jun. and John King
Orange	Thomas Bourk, John Hinchen, Thomas Hart John Atkinson and John Williams
Rowan	Benjamin Harvey, Andrew Knox, Miles Harvey Thomas Harvey and William Kinner
Randolph	Joseph Jones, Thomas Boyd, Beverley Davis, Edward Ellis Regan & Dempsey Burgess
S.C.	John Simpson Robert Salter, William Bryan James Gorham and James Latham
Rowan	Matthew Lock, James Smith Moses Winslow Samuel Young, William Kennon & William Sharp

Surry	Robert Lanier Joseph Williams William Hill Martin Armstrong and Joseph Winston
Tyrrel	Joseph Sprull, Jeremiah Craizer, Peter Wynns, Stevens Lee & Thomas Hoskins —
Tryon	John Walker, Robert Alexander, Joseph Harden William Graham Frederick Hambridge and William Kennon
Wake	Joel Lane, John Hinton Theophilus Hunter Michal Rogers Tignal Jones John Rand and Thomas Hines
Bath Town	William Brown
Edenton	Joseph Hewes and Jasper Charlton
Newbern	Abner Nash James Davis, William Tisdal and Richard Ellis.
Wilmington	Cornelius Harnett Archibald McClain
Brunswick	Maurice Moore
Halifax	Willie Jones
Hillsborough	Francis Nash William Armistrong and Nathaniel Rochester
Salisbury	Hugh Montgomery
Campbellton —	Robert Rowan & James Hepburn

Samuel Johnston Esq.r was Unanimously Chosen President, and at the Same time Andrew Knox was appointed Secretary & James Glasgow, Assistant Secretary. to this Congress —

Resolv'd that Col.o Nash wait on the Rev.d Mr. George Micklejohn, and request him to attend & perform divine Service, pursuant to w.ch he attended

The respective Counties and Town having certified that the preceding Persons were duly Elected Delegates to represent the said Counties and Town in General Congress to be held at Hillsborough the 20th day of August instant) Pursuant to which the following Persons appeared to wit

Majr. Thomas Respess	Thomas Person	James Gorham
John Patten	John Penn	James Latham
William Gray	John Taylor	Matthew Lock
Charles Jaycocks	Mericar Hunt	James Smith
William Bryan	Alexander Martin	Moses Winslow
Zedekiah Stone	Thomas Henderson	Samuel Young
John Johnston	Nathl. Williams	William Remmon
Robert Howe	Joseph Hancock	Robert Ellis
John Jordan	William Sharp	Parker Quince
Laurence Baker	Robert Lanier	Thomas Allen
Matthias Brickle	Joseph Williams	Day Ridley
Roger Moore	Nicholas Long	John Walker
Green Hill	James Hogan	~~Richard Sharpe~~
William Person	~~David Sumner~~	Joseph Hardy
Robert Alexander	~~William Person~~	David Sumner
William Graham	Thomas Eaton	Benj.a Williams
Frederick Hambright	Henry Patilla	William Bryan
William Remmon	Jethro Sumner	John Smith
Josiah Reddick	Kenith McKenzie	Joel Lane
James Coor	Whitmel Hill	John Hinton
William Bryan	William Williams	John Rand
Richard Cogdell	George Moore	William Brown
Jacob Blount	Alexander Libbington	Joseph Rewes
John Eaton	Samuel Ashe	Jacob Charitie
Brice Williams	William Cooper	James Davis
Solomon Sheppard	James Moore	William Tidal
Enoch Ward	John Ashe	Richard Ellis
Samuel Johnston	Allen Jones	Cornelius Harnett
Thomas Jones	Isaac Guion	Archibald Maclaine

Thomas Benbury
James Blount
James Kenan
William Dickson
Thomas Gray
Richard Clinton
Thomas Hicks
Richard Caswell
Simon Bright
James Glasgow
Abraham Sheppard
Speyers Singleton
Robert Bignal
Duncan Lamon
William Bryan
Jarrat Granbury
John Webb
John Geddy
John Atkinson
William Salter
Walter Gibbon
Thomas Owen
Thomas Robertson
Nathaniel Richardson
Thomas Wade
Samuel Spencer
David Love
William Pickett
Hinks Caen
Richard Kenon
Matthew Jones
Ambrose Ramsey
Robert Rutherford
William Clark
Theophilus Hunter
Thomas Polk
Thomas Boyd
Devereux Davis
Edward Everegan

Henry Rhodes
Edward Starkey
John King
Thomas Bourke
John Hinchen
Thomas Hart
John Williams
Benjamin Harvey
Andrew Knox
Miles Harvey
Thomas Harvey
William Skinner
John Simpson
Robert Salter
Drury Lee
Howel Edmonds
Samuel Lockhart
Jeremiah Fraser
Joseph Spruill
Peter Wynne
Robert Rowan
James Hepburn
Thomas Rutherford
[illegible]
Alexand.r M.c Alaster
Farquhar Campbell
Alex.r McKay
Joseph Jones
Dempsey Burges
John Thompson
Sam.l Martin
James Houston
Tho.s H. Hall
William Hill
Jasper Charlton
Joseph Leech

Maurice Moore
Willie Jones
Francis Nash
William Armstrong
Natl. Rochester
Hugh Montgomery
David Smith
John Williams
Henry Irwin
Thomas Hines
John Sitgreaves
John W.s Kirkland Walker
James White
Ranium Sutherland
James Park Farley
William Dent
George Cortner
Michal Rogers
Tignal Jones
John Cooper
Needham Bryan
Gideon Lamb
Wm Hill Avery
Martin Armstrong
John Birdsong
Joshua Roper
Joseph Winston

"7 Colo. Richard Caswell proposed for President Samuel Johnston Esquire who was unanimously chosen President and Mr. Andrew Knox was appointed Secretary and Mr. James Glasgow an Assistant — Francis Lynaugh and Evan Swann Doorkeepers during the Continuance of the Congress —

Resolved that Colo. Francis Nash wait on the Reverend George Micklejohn and request him to attend and perform Divine Service pursuant to which he attended and opened the Congress by reading Prayers in the Church at Hillsborough

The Congress having been informed that John Coleson of Anson County charged with dangerous practices against the Liberties of America was now in Custody in this Town

Resolved That Messrs. Samuel Spencer, John Patton John Johnston, Waller Gibson, Robert Ellis, Richard Cogdell, Solomon Sheppard, James White, Thomas Benbury, David Smith, Thomas Gray, Simon Bright, Henry Irwin, Memucan Hunt, Alexander Martin, John Jordan, Lawrence Baker, Nicholas Long, Benjamin Williams, William Williams, John McNitt Alexander, William Hooper, Allen Jones, Richard Kermon, Henry Rhodes, John Williams, Miles Harvey, Robert Salter, William Sharp, Robert Lanier, William Kermon, John Rand William Brown, Joseph Hewes, William Tisdal, Cornelius Barnet, Maurice Moore, Willie Jones, Francis Nash, Hugh Montgomery and Jethro Sumner be a Committee to enquire into the Conduct of the said John Colson and make Report to this Congress to morrow Morning

Resolved that Mr. Hooper, Mr. Howe Mr. Bourk Mr. Willie Jones Mr. Maurice Moore Mr. Allen Jones and Mr. Penn be a Committee to prepare a Test to be signed by the Members of this Congress

Whereas it is Manifest that endeavours have been used by Enemies to the Liberties of America to persuade several of the Inhabitants of this Province who were engaged in the late Insurrection that they remained still liable to be punished unless pardoned by his Majesty and that pardon can only be

obtained or Condition that they shall when required take Arms and act offensively against such persons as shall be devoted to destruction for having taken an Active share in the Defence of American Liberty

And Whereas it is well known that no Punishments can now lawfully be inflicted on any persons concerned in the said Insurrection whether Mentioned in the Act of Outlawry on that Occasion or not

Resolved therefore That the late Insurgents and every of them ought to be protected from every attempt to Punish them by any means whatsoever and that this Congress will to their utmost protect them from any injury to their persons or property which may be attempted on the pretence of Punishing the said late insurrection or any thing in consequence thereof

Resolved that Mr. Maurice Moore, Mr. Caswell Mr. Tho.s Person Mr. William Skinner Mr. Knox Mr. Cook The Rev.d Mr. Pattillo Mr. Bonsk Mr. Hunt, Mr. Benj.a Hawey, Mr. Tho.s Jones, Mr. Penn and Mr. Geo. Moore be a Committee to Confer with such of the Inhabitants of this Province who entertain any Religious or Political Scruples with respect to Associating in the Common cause of America to remove any ill impressions that have been made upon them by the Artful devices of the Enemies of America & to induce them by Argument and Persuation heartily to Unite with us for the Protection of the Constitutional Rights and Privileges thereof

The Congress adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 O Clock

Resolved that the Rev.d Mr. Henry Pattillo be desired to perform Prayers to the Congress every Morning & the Rev.d Mr. Charles Edward Taylor every evening during his Stay here

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 O Clock

Tuesday 22, August 1775

The Congress met according to Adjournment

The several proceedings of the Continental Congress viz.

A declaration by the ~~united Colonies~~ Representatives of the United Colonies of North America in General Congress at Philadelphia in July last setting forth the cause and necessity of taking up Arms

The twelve united Colonies by their Delegates in Congress to the Inhabitants of Great Britain

An Address of the twelve united Colonies of North America by their Representatives in Congress to the People of Ireland &c.

The Opinion of the Congress on the Resolution of the House of Commons of Great Britain of the 20th of February 1775

The Address of the Congress to the Lord Mayor of London

A Resolve of the Congress relative to the Culture of Salt Petre and the several Methods of making Salt Petre recommended to the Inhabitants of the united Colonies by their representatives in Congress And sundry Resolves of the Congress were laid before this Congress and Ordered to be read and were accordingly ~~finally~~ read

Mr. Harnet from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Conduct of John Collson reported their proceedings thereon which was concurred with by the Congress at the same time the said John Collson gave into Congress the following declaration to wit I John Collson do from the fullest Conviction solemnly and sincerely declare that I have been pursuing Measures destructive of the Liberties of America in General and highly injurious to the Peace of this Colony and truly Conscious of the Heinousness of my Guilt do now publicly confess the same and do solemnly and sincerely Promise that I will for the future support and defend to the Utmost of my Power the Constitutional Rights and Liberties of America and in Order to make atonement for my past Guilt that I will make use of every effort in my Power to reclaim those persons who I have seduced from their Duty and also to move all other persons over whom I have influence to aid support and defend the just Rights of America In Witness whereof I have hereto set my Hand this 22d Aug. 1775 John Collson

Resolved that the said John Collson be discharged from his Attendance on this present Congress ~~present~~

The Association entered into by the General Congress at Philadelphia on the Twentieth day of October in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and signed by the members thereof was read

Resolved that this Congress do highly approve of the said Association and do for themselves firmly Agree and promise to adhere thereto and do recommend it to their Constituents that they likewise adhere firmly thereto

Whereas there are several Offenders against the Continental Association now confined at Wilmington for Trial, It is Resolved that an express be immediately sent from this Town to Wilmington requiring the Committee of Wilmington to deliver all such Delinquents as may be in Custody to a Guard directed to receive the same, and safely to convey such delinquents from County to County in the most expeditious Manner— That they may be brought before this Congress now sitting, in Order that their demeanor may be strictly enquired into — with such Papers as were found in their Custody

Resolved that the thanks of this Congress be given by Mr Spencer, to the Gentlemen Volunteers of Anson County who brought John Colson in Custody to this Congress

The Congress Adjourned till to Morrow Morning Nine O'Clock

Wednesday August 23.d 1775 The Congress met according to Adjournment

The Association entered into by the General Congress at Philadelphia on the twentyeth day of October one thousand seven hundred and seventy four and signed by the Members thereof was read

Resolved that this Congress do highly approve of the said Association and do for themselves firmly agree and promise to adhere thereto and do recommend it to their Constituents that they likewise adhere firmly thereto

We the Subscribers professing our Allegiance to the King and acknowledging the Constitutional executive power of Government do solemnly profess Testifie and Declare that we do absolutely believe that neither the Parliament of Great Britain nor any Member or Constituent Branch thereof have a right to impose Taxes upon these Colonies to regulate the internal policy thereof and that all attempts by fraud or force to establish and exercise such Claims and Powers are violations of the Peace and Security of the People and ought to be resisted to the utmost and that the People of this Province singly and collectively are bound by the Acts and Resolutions of the Continental and the Provincial Congresses because in both they are freely represented by persons chosen by themselves and we do solemnly and sincerely promise and engage under the Sanction of Virtue Honor and the sacred love of Liberty and our Country to Maintain and Support all and every the Acts Resolutions and Regulations of the said Continental and Provincial Congresses to the utmost of our power and abilities In Testimony whereof we have hereto set our Hands this 25th Aug.t 1775

Jas Johnston
Thos Wade
Sam.l Spencer
David Love
Wm Purkett
Thos Respess Junr
John Patten
William Sattan
Wm Gibson
Thos Owen
Thos Robeson Junr

Jas.h Richardson
Wm Gray
W.m Jacocks
Jno Bryan
Edwd Hall Stone
John Johnston
Jno Howe
Lewis
Robt Ellis

Sept.r 8th Committee proceeded to sign
Ordered the same be read — whereupon
Signed

Thos. Allon
Roger Moore
Green Hill
William Pinnal
Henry Pattillo
Thomas Calon
Jeff. Summers
Dr. Riddick
James Coor
Wm Bagan
Ri Cogdell
Jacob Blount
John Easton
Brice Williams
Solomon Shepard
Enoch Ward
James White
Thos: Jones
Thos Benbury
James Blount
Josiah Granbery
Tho Pettipord
Alex. McAlester
H. Campbell
Dan'l Smith

Alex. McKay
Elisha Cain
Richd Herrin
Matthew Jones
Ramsey
Robt Rutherford
William Clark
James Kenan
Holgray
Wm Dickson
L. Clinton
Thos Hicks
R Haywell
Simon Bright
Glasgow
Abm. Sheppard Junr
Spyers Singleton
R Bignall
Henry Irwin
John Penn
Thomas Person
Jno Williams

13 John Taylor jr
M. Hunt
Alex Martin
Ranson Southerland
Sam. Parke Farley
Tho. Henderson
Willis Dews
George Cortes
Nath. Williams
Jos. Hancock
Jno. Jordan
Law Baker
Matth. Rockwell
Day Ridley
Nicholas Long
James Hogun
David Sumner
John Webb
John Geddy
Benja. Williams
Wm. Green
John Smith
Tho. Polk
John Foyer
Jno. Tho. Alexander
A. Mckenzie

Whitmell Hill.
Wm. Williams
George Moore
Alex. Lillington
Sam. Ashe
Wm. Cooper
Ja. Moore
John Ashe
Allen Jones
Howell Edmunds
Henry Gee
Sam. Ashe
Isaac Guion
Henry Rhodes
Caw Stanley
John King
Hu. Burke
J. Sinclair
Tho. Harle
Ja. Atkinson
John Wilkins
Benj. Harvey
Andrew Knox
Miles Harvey
Tho. Harvey

Frederick Flambright
Jacob Lane
John Hinton
Jacob Hunter
Mark Rogers
Jno Jones
Jno Land
Tho. Hines
Wm Brown
Joseph Lewis
James Davis
William Tisdale
Richd Ellis
Corn. Harnett
A Maclaine
A Moore
Robt Howar
Ja Hepburn
Wilkie Jones
F. Nash
Wm Armstrong
Nath. Rochester
Hugh Montgomery
John Thompson

Thomas Boyd
Dwotion Davis
Edw Everigin
John Simpson
Robt Salter
Wm Bryan
James Gorham
James Latham
Matthew Lock
James Smith
Moses Kirby
Hurd Young
Will Lenox
Wm Harp
Robert Lanier
Jo Williams
Jos Sprueill
Jeremiah Frazier
Peter Wynne
John Walker
Will Lenox
Thos Rivers
Joseph Hardin
William Graham

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Joseph Jones
Dewey Burges
Sam Hawkins
Sam. Johnston
Thomas H. Hall
William Hill
Duncan Lamon
Jasper Charlton
Joseph Leech
John Cowper
Needham Bryan
Gideon Lamb
Waightstill Avery
Mark Armstrong 180
John Briggs
Joseph Winston

Resolved That ~~Mr Sargent Johnston~~ His Honor the President Mr Harnet Mr Caswell, Mr Hewes Mr Nash, Mr Willie Jones and Mr Young be a Committee of Secrecy for the purpose of procuring Cannon and Ammunition and to report to this Congress what Sums of Money will be necessary for that purpose

Resolved Mr McClaine, Mr McAlister Mr Sarg. Campbell, Mr Rowan, Mr Thomas Wade Mr Alex. McKay, Mr John Ashe, Mr Spencer Mr Gibson, & Mr William Kennon and Mr James Kenedy be a Committee to confer with those Gentlemen who have lately arrived from the Highlands in Scotland to settle in this Province to explain to them the nature of our Unhappy Controversy with Great Britain to advise & urge them to unite with the other Inhabitants of America in defence of those Rights which they derive from God and the Constitution

Resolved that Mr Maurice Moore Mr Hooper Mr Howe Mr Caswell & Mr Hewes be a Committee to prepare and Address to the Inhabitants of the Province of North Carolina stating the present Controversy in an easy familiar stile and manner obvious to every the meanest Capacity calling upon them to Unite in defence of American Liberty and vindicating from

a necessity to which Administration has recd recedu, the taking up Arms and assuming the Controul of the Militia and Awarding the Silence of the legislative powers of Government to His Excellency the Governor refusing to exercise the functions of his Office by leaving the Province and retiring aboard the a Man of War without any threats or violence to Compel him to such a measure

The Congress Adjourned till to Morrow morning 9 o'Clock

Thursday 24th August 1775

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Met Aurding to Adjournment

Resolved that Doct.r Bourke be added to the Com.e to prepare an Address to the Inhabitants of this Province Vide Fol.

Resolved that such Gentlemen as have in their possession any Letters or other Papers respecting the common cause of American Liberty be laid before the Congress — and several Letters and other Papers were accordingly brought up to the Table, read and filed —

Whereas the Continental Congress hath thought it necessary for the preservation of American Liberty that an Army should be embodied and the Sum of three Millions of Dollars be Emitted for the purpose of supporting such Army and hath pledged the faith of the United Colonies for the Redemption of the same

Resolved Unanimously that the Inhabitants of North Carolina will pay their full proportion of the Expences so incurred and will make provision for the Redemption of such part of the Sum so Emitted as shall be allotted by the Continental Congress for this Province to redeem in proportion to the Number of its Inhabitants.

Resolved that his Honor the president, The Hon[ble]
Mess[rs] William Hooper, Joseph Hewes and Richard Caswell
Samuel Spencer, Thomas Respess, Walter Gibson, William
Gray, Robert Howe, Thomas Eaton, James Moor, John
Ashe, James White, Thomas Jones, Alexander M[c]Alister
Richard Kenon, Thomas Gray, Henry Irwin, John
Sam[l] Alex[r] Martin, Joseph Hancock, Matthias Bricke
John Webb, William Bryan, Thomas Polk, Whitmell
Hill, Samuel Ashe, Allen Jones, Henry Rhodes
Thomas Burke, Benjamin Harvey, Demsy Burges
Robert Salter, Matthew Locke, Joseph Williams Peter
Wyms William Kennon, Joel Lane, William Brown
James Davis, Archibald M[c]Laine, Maurice Moore
James Hepburne, Willie Jones, Francis Nash & Hugh
Montgomery be a Committee for the purpose of
preparing a plan for the regulation of the internal
peace order and safety of this province and making
such an arrangment in the Civil police of the
province as may tend to supply in some measure
the defect of the executive powers of government
arising from the Absence of His Excellency Governor
Martin and that this Committee take into consi-
deration the propriety of appointing a Committee
of safety, the Members to compose it, the
Manner and time of Choice, Qualifications of
Electors and Elected, The powers necessary to
invest it with, also the time and manner
of appointing County and Town Committees
Qualification of Electors and Elected, The Number
of which there shall consist, the powers of the
Committees, also the mode to be observed in
calling Provincial Conventions, the time of
Election, place where to be held Qualification of
Electors and Elected, the number which every
Town and County are to send as Delegates to Repres[t]
them in such Convention, the powers which the
convention are to exercise

and

and further to report the necessity if any there be of forming other Committees than before mentioned and every civil power necessary to be formed in order to relieve this province in the present unhappy state to which administration has reduced it —

The Congress taking under consideration the State of the Province & the expediency of employing a Military force for its defence against foreign & domestick Invaders — Resolved that it lie over until to Morrow

A Draught of Articles of Confederacy proposed for the consideration of the several Colonies in North America, was brought into Congress. Ordered that the Secretary furnish the delegates for each County with a copy thereof —

Mr. Thomas Craike is appointed a Clerk to assist the Secretary, to expedite the business of the Congress —

The Congress adjourned till 9 o'Clock to Morrow

Friday 25th Augst 1775

The Congress met according to adjournment.

A paper purporting to be a proclamation Issued by His Excellency Josiah Martin dated on Board His Majesty's Ship Cruizer at Cape Fear River the Eighth of August instant directed to the Moderator of the Provincial Convention at Hillsborough being read

Resolved Unanimously that the said Paper is a false scandalous and seditious Libel tending to disunite the Good People of this Province and to stir up Tumults and Insurrections, dangerous

to the Peace of His Majesty's Government and the safety of the Inhabitants and highly injurious to the Character of several Gentlemen of acknowledged virtue and Loyalty. And that further ~~that~~ the said Paper be burned by the Common Hangman. —

The Order of the day being read Resolved the same lie over for consideration until Monday next —

The Petition of Francis Dunn and Dorothy Boote being read Resolved the same lie on the Table for Consideration

Mr. Joseph Williams a delegate for the County of Surry has leave to absent himself from the Congress for 10 days

Resolv'd that Mr. Harnett, Mr. Willie Jones, Mr. Knox, Mr. Lock, Mr. Caswell, Mr. Thomas Person & Mr. John Ashe, be a Committee to take into consideration & report a State of the Public Funds ——

Resolved that Mr. Cogdell, Mr. Green Hill, Mr. Martin, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Pattillo, Mr. Tho.s Jones Mr. Kinchen, Mr. J. Hall, Mr. Lock, Mr. Skinner be a Committee of Intelligence ~~to receive and lay their information before the Congress~~ to record all Petitions respecting the return of Delegates &c & report thereon to this Congress

Resolved that all those Gentlemen possessed of any Intelligence respecting Indian Affairs furnish Willie Jones Esquire one of the Commissioners for the Southern Department with the same in writing

Resolved that it be recommended to the Committees of the several Counties and Towns in this Province to obtain an exact List of the Inhabitants within their respective Counties and Towns distinguishing in each List — the

the Number of white Male Persons between the Age of 2R.
Sixteen and Fifty Years the Number of Males above fifty
and under Sixteen the Number of White Women the Number
of Female Children the Number of Black male Slaves
being Taxables, the Number of Female Slaves who are
Taxables and the Number of Slaves not Taxables, And that
such Lists be returned certified by the Chairman of the
Committee to the president of this Congress on or before the
first day of November next ——

Mr Edward Everigan has leave to absent himself
from the Service of this Congress

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Mr James Green is appointed an Assistant Clerk
to this Congress,

Adjourned till five O'Clock this afternoon ——

Friday 5 O'Clock P. M. The Congress met According
to Adjournment ——

Mr Robert Lanier is appointed to serve on the
Committee to prepare a plan for the Internal peace &c
of this Province in the room of Mr Joseph Williams who
has leave of Absence ——

Resolved that the Commanding Officer of the Indepen-
dant Company of the Town of Hillsborough, dispatch four
of the said Company to proceed from this place towards Wilmington
until they meet with a certain James Cotton of the County of
Anson, who it is said is now in Custody of certain persons
in order to be brought before this ~~Convention~~ Congress & to assist
in bringing the said James Cotton before the Congress ——

The Congress Adjourned until Monday Morning
Nine O'Clock ——

Monday August 28th 1775

The Congress met Acording to Adjournment

Resolved that ~~the Cong~~ on Friday next the Congress Resolve itself into a Committee to take into Consideration the paper laid before the Congress purporting to be a Confederacy of the United Colonies

The Committee appointed to receive Intelligence and Petitions &c Reported that they had taken into consideration the several matters laid before them, which they beg Leave to lay before the Congress — Ordered the same be read — Read the same and is as follows Viz.t

Report of the Committee of Intelligence Elected

The Petition of Frances Dunn (wife of John Dunn) and Dorothy Boote (wife of Benjamin Boote) being referred to this Committee and the Allegations therein contain examined into

It appears to us that from the notorious inimical Conduct of the said John Dunn and Benjamin Boote mentioned in the said Petition to the cause of America the apprehending and sending the said Dunn and Boote to South Carolina was necessary and justifiable in these times of General Danger, and as to the future Disposal of the said Dunn and Boote we Submit it to the Consideration of this Honorable Congress

The Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Salisbury, respecting the Election of the said Town being also referred ~~to the same~~ to this Committee

It is our Opinion that the several matters contained in the said Petition as objections to the Election of a Member for the said Town to set in Provincial Congress are Groundless and that the said Election is good and valid

The Information of Thomas Wade Thomas Polk and John Walker relative to the hostile Intentions, of Governor Martin, Indians and others being

laid before this Committee in writing

It is our Opinion that the matter therein contained is of so serious and important a Nature that we beg leave to submit it to the Consideration of this honorable Congress

R Cogdell Chairn.

Resolved that the same lye on the Table for Consideration

James Cotton, Samuel Williams, and Jacob Williams of Anson County who stood Charged with Acting in opposition to the liberty of America & of endeavouring by persuation & otherwise to induce others to Act against the resolutions of the Continental and Provincial Congress were brought to the Bar of this Congress, by a party of the Hillsborough Independant Company, and after being Severally examined, Resolved that the said James Cotton, Samuel Williams, and Jacob Williams be discharged, and Set at Liberty, and that Certificates issue from this Congress, to Entitle them to the protection of all persons — Espousing the Cause of Liberty ——— they having made a Solemn Recantation of their former principles.....

The Congress Adjourned until Tuesday Morning 9. Clock. —

——Tuesday 29th Aug.t 1775.

The Congress met Acording to Adjournment. —

Mr President laid before the Congress a letter from the Committee of Intelligence of Charls Town South Carolina Inclosing Remonstrances or Petitions from John Dunn & Benjamin Booth now under Confinement at Charles Town, which was read, and on Motion ordered to lie on the Table for consideration. Also Letters

from Governor Martin to Benj.a Boote 10 July 1775.
from Governor Martin to Col. Cotton 21 July 1775.

Likewise

An Address from Rowan County to Governor Martin,
from the Committee of Mecklenburg, to the Committee of Camden &c.re of Intelligence.
from the Committee of Rowan, to the Committee of Camden, &c.re of Intelligence — and Dunn & Boots Protest & Advertisement, which are filed

On Motion ordered that the Election of Delegates to attend the Continental Congress at Philadelphia in September next, come on Next Saturday.

The order of the Day being read for taking under Consideration the state of the Province and the expediency of employing a Military force for its defence against foreign & Domestic Invasions, be deferred 'til Thursday next

Whereas some Doubts may Arise respecting the Construction of the fourth Article of the Continental Association relating to Exportation

Resolved

Resolved That it is the Opinion of this Congress that no Ship or Vessel shall Clear out or take on Board any part of their Cargoes after the Tenth day of September 1775 — But that Vessels actually laden (or their Cargoes on Board Lighters) and cleard out before that day may Sail at any time after. —

Mr Caswell from the Committee appointed to take into Consideration and report a State of the Public Funds, reported as follows Viz 51

Whereas in order to make a proper and Correct State of the Public funds it would be Necessary your Committee should have recourse to the Public Accounts, which are in the hands of the Treasurer, and to the Estimates of Public allowances and Journals of the Assembly, which Cannot conveniently be had here, they have therefore proceeded on the best Information they have been able to obtain, and find that there are divers large Sums of Money due from Sundry Sheriffs and other Collectors a great part of which (in the opinion of your Committee) will be lost to the Public unless some method is immediately fallen upon to inforce the payment of the Same which your Committee earnestly recommend to the attention of the Congress. —

That there are also divers Sums of Money due from the Public to Individuals and no Money in the hands of the Southern Treasurer on the Contingent fund to discharge the Same; what may be in the Northern Treasury, on that fund your Committee have not been able to inform themselves. —

That Since the passing a Resolution in the Assembly, that the Rum duties, and the one Shilling Tax for Sinking the Bills, should cease, the Law imposing the same having had its effect, Sundry Sums have been paid for

for such Duties to the Collectors, and to the Sheriffs for the said Tax — Your Committee are of opinion that the Monty received on the former Should be returned to the persons from whom the same was received, and also that the latter be either returned to the persons from whom received or allowed them in the payment of any future tax — all which is Submitted to the Consideration of the Congress —

Hillsborough 28 Augt 1775. Richd Caswell Chairt

Ordered the Same lie for Consideration until Saturday next

The Congress taking into Consideration the Letter from the Committee of Intelligence of Charles Town, the Remonstrances of Benj. Booth Boote, and John Dupree, and the Petitions of Francis Dunn and Dorothy Boote, and the several papers relative thereto,

Resolved that the President of the Congress by Letter addressed to the Committee of Intelligence of the Province of South Carolina, thank them for their friendly Interposition in behalf of this Province by securing and detaining the persons of John Dunn and Benjamin Booth Boote thereby disappointing the endeavours of those men to defeat the American Association in Support of their just Rights and Privileges, and requesting of the said Committee to detain the persons of the said Dunn & Boote within that province till the inhabitants of North Carolina by their delegates again meet in Convention, or till they make such recantation of their Principles as shall be Satisfactory to the Committee of Charles Town that this Province will on a Similar Occasion be

ready

Ready to render a Similar Service to their Worthy Neighbours of the South Provinces, in the mean time, that he pledge the Credit of this Province to reimburse the Expences which they may be at by reason of Such detention, and Express at the Same time that we have the fullest Confidence that the Same Humanity which has distinguished the Proceedings of that Province will Actuate them in this Instance

Resolved that no person whatsoever charged as being an Enemy to the American Cause, shall be Carried out of this Province privately, or by any Act of Violence, except by the directions of a Committee duly impowered to take Cognizance of the offence with which they are Charged and who shall upon fair and candid hearing thereupon think such measure prudent just & Necessary, but as the particular Circumstances which attended the Seizure of Boyle Roche rendered a previous Application altogether impracticable to any Committee appointed for the purpose of Examination. We acknowledge ourselves under the greatest obligations to the Persons who have rendered the Signal Service to this Province, of removing from amongst them, men who were exerting their utmost endeavours to defeat the attempts of the Tyranny Virtuous Inhabitants of this Province, to preserve inviolate the rights of the British Constitution

Ordered that William Hill and William Gray Jedediah Stone be added to the Committee of Conference

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 10 Clock

The Congress met Aurding to Adjournment

Adjourned till to morrow Morning

9 o Clock —

~~Hot~~ Thursday 31. Augnet 1775

The Congress met according to Adjournment

The Order of the day being read for taking under Consideration the State of the province and the expedi: ency of employing a Military force for its defence against foreign and Domestic Invasions

Resolved that his Majesty's faithfull & Loyal subjects in this Colony are reduced to a Dangerous & Critical situation by the Attempts of a British Ministry to carry into Execution by Force of Arms several Unconstitutional & oppressive acts of the British Parliament for laying taxes & for Altering & changing the Constitution & Internal Police of the United Colonies in Violation of the Natural Rights of the Colonists —

Resolved that Hostilities being actually commenced in the Massachusetts Bay by the British Troops under the Command of Genl Gage, and a Number of the Inhabitants of that Colony destroyed, The Town of Boston having been long Occupied as a Garrison Town, and as if in an Enemies Country, the inhabitants thereof treated with Severity not to be justified towards declared Enemies, reenforcements being also Threatened and every day expected to add to the ~~Wretchedness~~ Misery of that ~~miserable~~ wretched People and to execute the Cruel determined measures of administration against this and the rest of the united Colonies, and whereas his Excellency Governor Martin hath taken a very Active and Instrumental share in opposition to the Means which have been adopted by this & the other united Colonies for their Common Safety as well to disunite this from the rest and to weaken the ~~efforts~~ efforts of the Inhabitants of North Carolina to protect their lives, liberties and properties against any force which may be exerted to injure them or for the express purpose of

Compelling us to Submit to the ~~Oppression~~ Operation of the Acts. —
That therefore for the express and Sole purpose of Securing &
Defending this Colony and Preserving it in Safety against
all attempts to carry thos'd Acts into Execution by force of Arms,
this Colony be immediately put into a State of defence. —

Resolved that this Congress think it absolutely
Necessary for the Support of the American Association and Safety
of the Colony to raise a body of Forces Consisting of one Thousand
Men, And upon the faith of the Resolve of the Continental
Congress, this Congress do Resolve that one Thousand Men
be immediately raised and imbodied

Whereas the Committee of Mecklenburg Bladen
Rowan and Cumberland Counties have respectively
purchased of sundry Persons Gun Powder and agreed
to pay such Price as should be ascertained by this
Congress for the same

Resolved that the Committees of
Mecklenburg and Rowan pay to the Persons from
whom they receivd Powder the Sum of five Shillings Proc. Money
per Pound and the Committees of Bladen and Cumberland
four Shillings ₩ Pound for all the Gun Powder they
have purchased as aforesaid

Ordered that Mr. John Walker and Wm. John
Hardin have leave to Absent themselves from the
Service of the ~~Congress~~.

Adjourned till to Morrow Morning
8 o. Clock. —

29 Friday Sept^r 1^st 1775

C 17 The Congress met according to adjournment

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the paper laid before the Congress purporting to be a Confederacy of the United Colonies being read was ordered to lay over till Monday

Mr John Birdsong Mr Robert Alexander Mr Samuel Spencer & Mr James White has leave to absent themselves from this Congress

The Congress taking into Consideration the Arrangement of the Military Troops, ordered to be raised in this Province as part of and on the same Establishment with the Continental Army and the appointment of Officers to command the said Troops.

Resolved that they be divided into Two Regiments consisting of Five Hundred men each, and that 400 (part of the first regiment) be stationed in the district of Wilmington, 200 in the district of Salisbury, 200 in the district of Newbern, 200 in the district of Edenton, and that the whole Number Composing the said two Regiments, and every of the above divisions shall from time to time be disposed of as this Congress or the Council of Safety shall direct

Resolved that the following Officers be and they are hereby appointed to Command the first Regiment Viz^t

James Moore Esq. Colonel
Francis Nash Esq. Lieu^t Col^o
Thomas Clark Esq^r Major
Mr William Williams Adjutant

for

For the Second Regiment

Robert Howe Esq.r Colonel
Alex.r Martin Esq.r Lieut.t Col.o
John Patton Esq.r Major
D.r John White 1.st Captain & Adjutant

Capt.ns in the 1.st Regim.t

William Davis
Robert Rowan
Thomas Allon
~~John Robinson~~ Walker
Alfred Moore
Henry Dickson
Caleb Grainger
George Davidson
William Picket
William Green

Lieutenants

John Lillington
Hector M.c Neill
~~Col.~~ Lu.d Bowman
Absolem Tatum
Lawrance Thompson
Vezekiah Rice
Thomas Hogg
William Brandon
William Berryhill
William Hill

— Ensigns —

Neill M.c Alister
Henry Neill
Maurice Moore Jun.r
~~Benjamin~~ Turner
John Taylor
George Graham
Howell Tatum
Robert Rolston
James Childs
Henry Pope

James Blount
Michael Payne
Hardy Murphrey
Charles Crawford
Simon Bright
Nathan Reais
John Armstrong
John Walker
Henry Irwin Toole

— Lieutenants —

John Grange
Edward Vail Junior
Clement Hall
John Williams
William Tenner
John Herritage
Benjamin Williams
Joseph Tate
Robert Smith
James Gee

— Ensigns —

Henry Kipon
John Woodhouse
Whitmell Pugh
William Gardner
John Oliver
William Caswell
Philip Low
Benjamin Cleveland
James Cook
Joseph Clinch

The Captains to take rank from the time their respective Companies shall be compleated & Certificate under the hand of one or more Majestrates of the County where the men may be raised, to be determined by a Court Martial or oftener and in case two Companies be compleated on one day or any dispute arise about rank that it be determined by a Court Martial

31. That Dr. Isaac Guion is appointed Chirurgeon to the first Regiment
& Dr. William Pasture Chirurgeon to the Second Regiment.

Ordered that Needham Bryan, Mr. Hinton, Thos. Person, Joseph Blount, William Bryan & Duncan Lamon have leave to absent themselves from the Service of this House.

The Congress adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning 9 Clock

Saturday 2d Septmr. 1775

The Congress met according to adjournment

The Southern Treasurer informed the Congress that he had advanced agreable to the direction of the House of Assembly about £900 to the delegates who attended the two former Congresses, that some Counties have not paid their first proportion of that Sum and that only one County had paid the last proportion. Resolved, that such of the Counties from which the Treasurer hath not rec'd. the said first proportion immediately pay him the same, and that the Treasurer return the Money he hath rec'd. for the last ~~proportion~~ proportion directed to be paid him as aforesaid to the County from which he rec'd. the same. It is therefore Resolved that the said Treasurer be allowed so much of the Money as he has advanced to the delegates aforesaid as shall not be replaced by the Sums paid or to be paid to him of the first twenty pounds directed to be raised in the several Counties in this province, and the same shall be allowed him in his Account with the Publick

Mr. Boyd

~~[illegible]~~ laid before the Congress (~~[illegible]~~) two Hundred Pastoral Letters from the Synod of Philad.a addressed to the Inhabitants of this Province which were dispersed among the Members

Resolved that the said Adam Boyd be allowed

the Sum of ~~[illegible]~~ for Money to be paid by the Publick Treasurer or either of them and be allowed in their Account with the Publick

Resolved That the Thanks of this Congress be given to William Hooper, Joseph Hewes and Richard Caswell Esquires for their patriotic and faithful discharge of the important trust reposed in them as Delegates on the part of this Province at the late Continental Congress

in Consequence whereof the President returned them thanks in the following manner

Gentlemen

The honorable and patriotic Conduct you have pursued in discharge of the high and important trust unanimously committed to you with the most unlimited confidence, by the late Convention of this province has justified and done honor to their choice and now calls forth the grateful thanks of your Fellow Citizens; which Thanks, in order that the most honorable Testimony of your Conduct may be transmitted to Posterity, the Congress have commanded me to deliver in this Place

I do accordingly with the greatest pleasure return you the thanks of this Congress in behalf of their Constituents for the Manly and Spirited and patriotic discharge of your Duty as Delegates representing this Province in the Grand Continental Congress at Philadelphia

To which the Delegates returned the following Answer

We the Delegates of this province to whom our fellow Citizens thought fit to consign with the most unlimited confidence the great and important charge of representing them in the late Continental Congress beg leave to express our most sincere thanks for the honorable Testimony which thro' you they have thought fit to render of our Services in that Capacity

with Hearts warmed with a Zealous love of liberty and desirous of a reconciliation with the Parent State upon terms just & constitutional We flattered ourselves that the Integrity of our Motives would plead an Excuse for our want of abilities, & that in the candor & Charity of our Constituents our well meant however feeble endeavours would find them Apology — Our Expectations are now more than answered & this public approbation of our Conduct the greatest reward that a Subject can

Receive or a people bestow will stimulate us whether in private or Public Life our lot shall be cast to imitate the Virtues of our Patriotick fellow Citizens, and to be distinguished by our Usefulness in Society as we have this day been by the Honors with which they have Marked our former endeavours ——

While our Hearts Overflow with gratitude to this Respectable Assembly We cannot omit to offer our best Acknowledgments to you Hon.ble Sir, for the Polite manner in which you have been pleased to convey to us the Sense of this House & to Congratulate them that their Councils are conducted under the Auspices of a Character so justly Esteemed & which adds dignity to the Seat in which it presides ——

Resolved that William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, & Richard Caswell Esqrs be and are hereby appointed in behalf of this Province Delegates for the term of one year to Attend the General Congress to be held at Philadelphia on the Fifth day of September next or at any other time & place that shall be appointed for that purpose & they are hereby invested with such powers as may make any Acts done by them or any of them or consent given in behalf of this Province not inconsistent with such Instructions as may be given by this Congress Obligatory upon every Inhabitant thereof & that each & every of them be paid Five hundred pounds Proclamation Money on performing of the Services aforesaid to be paid by either of the Treasurers out of any Monies in their Hands and this Congress Engage to Indemnify such Treasurer or Treasurers for the Money they may advance on that Account ——

Ordered that Devotion Davis, Michael Rogers, and Joseph Sprull, have leave of Absence during this Session

~~Adjourned 'till to Morrow Morning 8 O'Clock~~

The Order of the day for considering the Report of the Committee Relative to the State of the publick Funds being read, was Ordered to lie over 'till Monday next

The Congress Adjourned 'till eight O'Clock on Monday next

Monday September the 4th 1775

The Congress met According to Adjournment

His Honour the president laid before the Congress a letter from Mr. Biggleston the Governors Secretary asking the favour of this Congress to give Sanction & safe Conduct to the Removal of the most Valuable Effects of Governor Martin on Board the Man of War & his Coach & Horses to Mr. Farquhard Campbell

Resolved that if Mr. Biggleston shoulds think proper to Remove on Board the Man of War all the Governors Effects as well his Excellency's Coach & Horses as every Article thereof that this Congress is ever Ready to give them as to all other Private Property every Safeguard & Security in their power to prevent their receiving any Molestation or Injury however Ideal the Fears of Mr. Biggleston in this Instance may be of meeting any Interruption in carrying such design into Execution But as Mr. Farquhard Campbell a Member of this Congress has Expressed a Sincere desire that the Coach & Horses should not be sent to his House in Cumberland and is Amazed that such a proposal should have been made without his approbation or privity they conceive they can by no means suffer the Coach & Horses to be Removed to Cumberland County - This House further take this Opportunity to Express their Surprize at His Excellency the Governor having deserted the Palace as he might have enjoyed all the Conveniencies of the same in a State of perfect Security without Insult or Injury to his Person or property

Resolved that Farquhard Campbell Esq. hath in the Opinion of this House Conducted himself as an honest Member of Society and a Friend to the American Cause & that any confidential Expressions which have been dropped by Governor Martin or any of his Friends with Respect to any Reliance they may have upon the Services of the said Farquhard Campbell against the American cause have been without any encouragement from the said Farquhard Campbell but have been made use off in order to bring his Character into distrust & lessen the Esteem which for his faithfull Services he deserves from the Inhabitants of this Province

Resolved that the Secretary give Certificates to such of the protestors, as from a Conviction of the Evils of their past conduct have or shall hereafter sign the Association or Test intered into by the Members of this Congress during this Session; setting forth, that they are accepted as Friends to American Liberty

35 Ordered Mr. Hembright have leave to absent himself from the Service of the Congress. —

The order of the day being read for taking into Consideration a paper purporting a Confederation of the united Colonies. Resolved the Congress Resolve into a Committee of the whole. The Congress Resolved into a Committee of the whole Accordingly, and Unanimously Choose the Revd. Mr. Patillo Chairman, and after some time Spent therein came to a Resolution thereon

On Motion Mr. President resumed the Chair, and Mr. Chairman reported as follows, Viz.t

That the Committee have taken into Consideration the plan of General Confederation between the United Colonies & are of opinion that the Same is not at present Eligable; And it is also the opinion of the Committee that the Deligates for this Province ought to be instructed not to Consent to any plan of Confederation which may be offered in an ensuing Congress until the Same shall be laid before and approved by the Provincial Congress. That the present Association ought to be further relied on for bringing about a Reconciliation with the Parent State, and a further Confederacy ought only to be adopted in Case of the last Necessity

Then on Motion Resolved the Congress do approve of the above Resolution.

The Congress Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 9 o'Clock —

Tuesday 5. Septem.r 1775.

The Congress met According to Adjournment.

On Motion Ordered that the Revd. Mr. Pattillo, Mr. Baker, Mr. Thos. Harvey, Mr. Miles Harvey, Mr. Geddy, Mr. William Bryan, Mr. Jethro Sumner & Mr. Mathias Burkle have leave to absent themselves from the Service of this Congress. —

On Motion Ordered that Mr. Willie Jones, Mr. Nash & Mr. John Ashe be a Committee of this Congress to make an Arrange-ment of Minute men for the Safety of the Province, and report their proceeding to this Congress —

On Motion ordered that Mr. Skinner, Mr. Harkey, Mr. Locke Mr. Caswell, Mr. Thos. Person, Mr. Bourke, & Mr. Coor be a Com-mittee of Ways and Means, and that they make report of their proceedings —

Mr. Caswell from the Committee of Ways & Means, reported as follows. Viz.t &

That it is the opinion of your Committee that the expence of the one thousand men lately raised and paid at the Expence of the Continent, ought to be defrayed out of the fund provided for that purpose by the Continental Congress; and that the Provincial Congress, or such officers as they shall impower to draw for One hundred Thousand Dollars immediately, and for other sums as there may be occasion afterwards. —

That it is the opinion of your Committee Sixty Thousand pounds be emitted in paper Bills of Credit to be applied towards defraying the expence of the Militia and Minute men, for purchasing Arms & Ammunition, and paying bounties for the Encouragment of Manufactury, expresses & other Contingencies. — This Sum to be sunk by a tax of two shillings every year on each Taxable Person

person in this Province to Commence for the year 1777 —
and Continue for Seven years after its Commencement

Hillsborough 5 Sept. 1775 — Jn. Caswell Ch.

~~Ordered that the said report be Concurred~~
~~with~~ —— Ordered the said report lie
for further Consideration —

Adjourned till to morrow Morning 9 o'Clock

Wednesday 6th Sept. 1775

Met According to Adjournment

Resolved that Mr. Penn, Mr. Harnett, Mr. Webb, Mr. Blount
Mr. Lock & Mr. Coor, be a Committee to Recommend
proper persons for Commissarys for the Several troops —

The aforesaid Com. returned & Reported
that Several Gentlemen had offered themselves as Candidates
which they Approved of & recommended that the house
should ~~Choose such as the last approved of~~ make
choice of four of the said gentlemen for that purpose
Pursuant to which Mr. William Kennon Was
Appointed Commissary for the District of Wilmington
Mr. Robert Salter Commissary for the District of Newbern
Mr. Andrew Knox Commissary for the District of Edenton &
Mr. Robert Lanier Commissary for the District of Salisbury

Ordered that Nathan Bryan, Mr. Hinton, Jno. Blount, William
Bryan, & Duncan Lamon have Leave to absent themselves from
the Service of this Congress — ——

Mr. Archibald M Laine Esq. Chairman from the Committee appointed for the purpose of preparing a plan for the regulation of the Internal peace order and safety of this province and making such arrangement in the Civil police of this province &c. Laid the same before the Congress — which was read — Ordered the same be ~~for Consideration~~ Committed to the Committee of the whole House to morrow Morning.

The Congress adjourned till to morrow Morning 9 o Clock. —

Thursday 7th Sept. 1775

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The Congress met Aurding to Adjournment

The House taking into Consideration the report of the Committee of Ways and Means — came to the following resolutions Viz. Resolved that a Sum not exceding One Hundred and Twenty five ~~Thousand~~ Thousand Dollars be emitted by this Congress in Bills of Credit for the defence of this Colony

Resolved that this Province be pledged for the redumption of the Bills of Credit now directed to be ~~emitted~~ emitted. Resolved that the Number & Denominations of the Bills be as follows Viz.t

4.000	of	¼ of a Dollar	£1.000
4.000		½ of a Ditto	2.000
4.000		1 Dollar	4.000
4.000		2 Dollars	8.000
4.000		3 Dollars	12.000
4.000		4 Dollars	16.000
4.000		5 Dollars	20.000
4.000		8 Dollars	32.000
3.000		10 Dollars	30.000

Resolved that the form of the bills be as follows

North Carolina Currency

No — Dollars. This Bill entitles the Bearer to receive Spanish Milled Dollars or the Value thereof in gold and silver according to the resolution of the provincial Congress held at Hillsborough the 21. Day of august 1775.

39 Resolved that Samuel Johnston, Richard Caswell, Richard Cogdell and Andrew Knox or the Survivors of them be a Committee to get proper plates engraved and to provide paper, and to agree with an Engraver to stamp or print the said Bills, and to frame devices for the same, and that they be and are hereby fully Authorized to Superintend the Press, to have the oversight and Care of Stamping or printing the Bills of Credit so to be struck, and to Number and Sign the same, and after Numbering and Signing them shall deliver the same to the Treasurers or one of them, taking his or their Receipts for the Bills so delivered, and that they be allowed the Sum of Fifty pounds each for such Services.

Resolved that the said Sum be sunk by a Tax of two Shillings every year on each Taxable person in this Province to Continue for the year 1777 and Continue for Nine years, unless the Money should be sooner sunk. Resolved that if any person shall refuse to receive the Public Bills of Credit by this Congress directed to be emitted, in payment of any Debt or Demand or shall refuse to give them Credit or Speak disrespectfully of the said Bills, or shall offer a greater Sum of the said Bills in Exchange than at the rate of Eight Shillings for a dollar, such person shall be treated as an Enemy to this Country, and it is recommended to the Inhabitants of this Province to have no further Connection or dealing with him.

Resolved that where any Person shall be accused of Counterfeiting altering or Erasing any Bill or Bills of Credit of this Province emitted by Virtue of the Resolves of this Congress, or shall knowingly pass or utter, or with intent to pass or utter, shall offer the same to any person or persons, Oath being thereof made, or sufficient pregnant Circumstances made appear

before any three Members of the Committee of the County where he shall be apprehended or the nearest Town, such person shall by the said Members of Committee be Committed to the Goal of the District where the offences is supposed to be Committed, there to remain until the next meeting of the Committee of Safety there; and the said Committee shall enquire into the truth of the Accusation, and if it shall appear to Twelve of them, that there is sufficient proof to Convict Him, he shall be remanded to prison there to remain until a Convenient Power shall be Established for hearing & Determining the Matter according to the Constitutional Mode heretofore used in all Capital Cases, and if he shall be 67
Convicted on such future hearing or shall stand Mute or Challenge more than Twenty of the Petit Jury, he shall Suffer death as a felon without the Benefit of Clergy, but if the said Committee shall be of Opinion, that there is not sufficient proof to Convict him, he shall be discharged, and the persons who shall first Commit him, shall take Necessary Measures to compel the Witness, as well for as against him to appear at the meeting of the said Committee of Safety, and to give Testimony.

Resolved that Samuel Johnston, Richard Caswell, Richard Cogdell & Andrew Knox shall Imediately to their taking upon them the Trust Reposed in them by the above Resolve enter into Bond with good & Sufficient Security in the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Proclamation Money each payable to the Members of the Provincial Council for the Use of this Province with Condition that he shall duly and faithfully execute & discharge the said trust Reposed in him according to the true intent & meaning of this Congress which bond shall be lodged with the Provincial Congress Council and in case of a breach of the condition thereof may be put in Suit & Recovered to the Use of this Province and if any of the Commissioners appointed as aforesaid should die Remove out

of

of this Province or Refuse to Act the surviving Commissioners or a Majority of them shall appoint Other or another in the Room of him or them so Dying Removing or Refusing which Commissioner or Commissioners so Appointed shall enter into Bond as aforesaid Each Commissioner shall before his entering into Offic take the following Oath to Wit

I. A. B— do Swear upon the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that I will in Consequence of the trust Reposd in me by the Provincial Congress of this Province faithfully Execute the Same that I will not Stamp Sign or Emitt or Knowingly Suffer to be Stamp'd Signd or Emitted more Bills than such as have been Directed by the said Congress & that as soon as such Bills are Emitted that the plates Usd in Stamping the Same shall be Destroyed

Resolv'd that the Treasurers be allow'd for Receiving & paying away the said Bills One ℔ Cent —

The Report of the Committee appointed to bring in a Plan for Regulating Minute Men & Militia being taken into Consideration

Resolv'd That the province be divided into Six Districts (as they stood heretofore under the Superior Court Law) Viz. Fenton, Halifax Hillsborough, ~~Newbern~~, and Wilmington, Newbern and Salisbury Districts That a Battalion Consisting of Ten Companies of 50 Men, Rank and file, each be raised in each District, and a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Ten Captains, Ten Lieutenants, Ten Ensigns, twenty Serjeants, Ten Drummers and ten Fifers be allowed for every Battalion. That the field Officers for each and every Battalion be recommended by the Several Districts and appointed by the Congress, and that the Number of men to be enlisted in the Several Counties in the different Districts be also Recommended by the Several Districts as nearly as may be to the Number of Effective Men in each County. That the field Officers in each district appoint a Suitable person or persons in each County to enlist Minute men which said Minute men when their Companies are Compleated shall Choose their Captains, Lieutenants and ~~Staff~~ Ensigns, and the said Captains Lieutenants and Ensigns of each ~~County~~ Company shall appoint their Respective Non Commissioned Officers. That the field Officers and Captains of each district appoint an Adjutant. That the persons appointed to enlist Minute men in each County may take Volunteers coming of their own accord from other

Counties but shall not go into any other County to enlist, without permission of the Committee of such County in Writing. — That when any Company is compleated and the Officers Chosen, the Captain Shall give Notice to the Chairman of the County Committee who shall thereupon call the Committee together to review the said Company, at such place as the Chairman shall think proper, and the Committee or a Majority of them, finding the Company Compleat with able and proper Men, shall grant a Certificate thereof to the Captain, Specifying the County and Day, by which Certificates the Priority or rank of the Captains in the different Battalions shall be determined, and that the precedence or Rank of the different Battalions be determined, also as they are severally embodied which shall be ascertained and Certified by the Members of the Provincial Council for the Respective Districts, where such Battalions belong, should two Captains Certificates bear date the same day, the Members of the Provincial Council for the district shall decide between them, should two Battalion or Colonels Certificates bear date the same date, the provincial Council shall determine the Rank — That the Provincial Council enter the returns or Certificates of the County Committees and Committees of Safety in a Book for the purpose, and issue Commissions Accordingly, that the Captains or persons appointed to enlist, in enlisting Men give a preference to those who have Guns of their own, but if it be found Necessary to take Such as have none, that then the Captains Certify the Same to the Committees of the Counties to which they belong who shall thereupon borrow Such Guns as are fit for Service, giving Receipts describing Such Guns and the Value thereof to the Owners, that they may hereafter get them again or the Value of them, and the said Committees shall take Receipts, in like Manner of the Captains for Guns thus Supplied, which Receipts shall be transmitted to the provincial Council, and the Captains shall produce Such Guns when demanded pay the Value of them, or Shew that they have been lost by unavoidable Accident to the public. That an allowance be made, after the rate of ten Shillings per Annum for a good Smooth Bore or Musket & Twenty Shillings for a Rifle to the Owners, for the Use of their Guns, in the Case above mentioned. That the Minute men as soon as they are enlisted and approved by Companies as above, be embodied in Battalions at or near the Towns aforesaid in the different Districts, there to Continue in Training for fourteen Days Successively, Sundays inclusive, and that each and every Minute man be allowed one days pay for every twenty Miles in travelling to & from the Place of Training by Battalions. after this that the different Companies in their respective Counties, muster, at least once a Fortnight on Such Days and at Such places as their Captains shall direct. That the adjutant for each District be employed for Six Months and allowed the Sum of Fifteen pounds per Month and attend in the different Counties in his District belonging by Rotation, and the said Officers in each District shall have power to remove Such adjutant for misbehaviour and appoint another in his stead. That the Officers and men while training by Battalions and when called into actual Service, have pay as follows, a Colonel per day 14/3¾ Lieutenant Colonel 11/5. Major 9/6. Captain 5/8½ Lieutenant 3/9¾, Ensign 2/10¾. Serjeant 2/3¾, Corporal, Drummer & fifer 2/1, a private man 1/10¾. That the Special Committee herein before mentioned, appoint a Commissary of Musters for every District, and shall be allowed Eight pence per day for Victualing each & every Man —

That

43 That a Bounty of Twenty five Shillings be allowed for every Private Man and Non Commissioned Officer to buy a hunting Shirt, Leggins or Spatter Dashes, and black garters, which shall be the Uniform, and that the Manual Exercise for the said Minute Men be that Recommended by his Majesty in 1764; and that if any Officer or Minute Man shall refuse or Neglect to attend the Battalion Duty, he shall forfeit two Days pay for every Day he is absent giving to the Delinquent the privilege of making Excuse any time during Battalion Exercise or training, which Excuse shall be allowed or disallowed by a Court Martial consisting of the Field Officers and Captains to each Battalion belonging; the same to be levied on the Estate of the Delinquent by any person or persons by the said Court appointed, and applied according to Act of Assembly for Regulating the Militia; that each & every Company make such Regulations as to them shall seem best to Non-attendance, Disobedience and misbehaviour &c at Musters by Companies; provided that the commanding, or Captain, may, if found Necessary, give leave of absence to any Inferior Officer, or private Man, the first in Battalion duty, the last in Company Musters; that the Minute Men be Enlisted for Six Months and whenever called into actual Service be subject & bound by the Rules & Regulations for the Continental Army provided by the Continental Congress; and if any Officer or Minute Man during his attendance on training duty by Battalion, shall refuse to obey the commands of his Superior Officer, or behave Despitously, or indecently, such Offender shall and may be Confined for any time not Exceeding twenty ~~four~~ four hours, and fined in any sum not exceeding fourteen days pay, as shall be determined by the Judgment of a Court Martial to be held as aforesaid;- the fines to be levied and applied as herein before directed;- That in case of Insurrections, Invasion, or other Emergency such Captain or Captains as may be nearest to the Scene of Action, or first informed of the Danger shall have power to order all or part of his or their Men, as may be necessary, into immediate Service, and shall give Notice to the Colonel or Commanding Officer of the Battalion to which he or they belong; & the Colonel or Commanding Officer of each Battalion shall upon such information from a Captain, or in the first instance, have power to order all or every part of the Battalion, as he shall think proper, into Service and March them to any part of his District, but he shall give Notice to the Committee of Safety of his District, and shall be subject to their Orders when convened; but as soon as the Provincial Council shall meet the power of the Committee of Safety shall cease with Respect to such Battalion & the Colonel or Commanding Officer thereof shall be Subject to the Controul of the said Council; that the Regular Officers shall take Rank of the ~~Mi~~ Minute Officers of the same Rank and the Minute Officers take Rank of the Militia Officers of the same Rank; but the Minute Men shall not be under the ~~Controul~~ Command of the Militia Officers, nor the Militia under the Command of the Minute Officers unless when drawn into actual Service, that a Colonel of the Minute Men shall take Rank of a Lieut. Colonel of Regulars, a Colonel of Militia take Rank of a Lieutenant Colonel of Minute Men ——! and that every Officer or Minute Man who shall refuse or Unreasonably Delay conforming to the above Directions with Respect to Insurrections &c. shall for such Refusal or Delay suffer such

punishment, Death excepted, or pay such fines as shall be adjudged by a Court Martial consisting of the Field Officers & Captains to his Battalion belonging; provided that if any officer shall think himself aggrieved by the decision of such Court Martial he may appeal to the provincial Council, whose determination shall be final; the said fines or forfeitures to be levied & applied as hereinbefore directed. —

And with respect to the Militia your Committee have further Resolved that the Field officers be appointed by Congress, the Captains Lieutenants & Ensigns by the Committee of their respective Counties, & the Committees shall Certify the Names of the officers so Elected to the Provincial Council that Commissions may issue accordingly. That the Colonel or Commanding officer in each County have power to order two general Musters in every year, and that the Captains shall Muster their Companies once a Month, the officers and Soldiers being subject to the same Fines & punishments for Non attendance & at these Musters as are directed by Law for Regulating the Militia.

That an adjutant be appointed by the Field officers of each County who shall attend every general & Private Muster of his said County and shall be paid Eight Shillings ₱ day for every day he attends, to be certified by the Commanding officer of their Respective Regiments or Companies. —

That the Committees of Safety in their respective Districts, upon any Emergency, have power to order the Militia into Service, their power to cease however in this Respect as soon as the Provincial Council shall meet & issue Orders, and that in other Respects the Militia be Regulated by the Laws for that purpose provided, except wherein it is or may be contradictory to the Resolutions of the Congress —

And provided also that the provincial Council shall and may alter amend & add to the preceding Regulations, as shall be found ~~of~~ necessary —

Provided also that every public ferry keeper shall set over ferry free every person who shall attend Musters as Militia or Minute Men at all such times as they shall be called upon by their Respective officers

The Order of the day that was Refer'd to a Committee of the whole House was laid Over ~~for~~ de till tomorrow

Resolved That Mr John Ashe be allow'd four pounds for so much advanc'd by him to Stephen Jackson a Messenger appointed by this Congress to take & bring in Custody James Colton & others before this Congress

Adjourn'd till tomorrow Morning 9 Clock

Friday 8th September 1775

Mett according to Adjournment

Resolv'd that Mr. Willie Jones, Mr Burke, Mr Thos. Persons, Mr Long, be a Committee to State & Settle Mr James Davis's Account for Services done as Printer to this Province

Mr. Hooper laid before the House an address to the Inhabitants of the British Empire, and the same being Read was Unanimously Recievd. and is as follows viz

Friends & Fellow Citizens

The fate of the Contest which at present subsists betwixt these American Colonies & the British Ministers who now sit at the helm of Publick Affairs will be one of the most important Epochs which can mark the Annals of the British History. Foreign Nations with anxious Expectation wait the Result & see with Amazement the blind infatuated Policy which the present Administration pursues to Subjugate these Colonies and Reduce them from being ~~subjects~~ loyal & 73
useful Subjects to an absolute Dependance and abject Slavery as of the Descendants of those Ancestors who have shed Rivers of Blood & expended Millions of Treasure in fixing upon a lasting foundation the Liberties of the British Constitution saw with envy the once happy State of this Western Region & strove to extermine the Patterns of those Virtues which shone with a lustre as bid fair to Rival and Eclipse their own —

To enjoy the fruits of our own honest industry to call that our own which we earn with the Labour of our hands & the Sweat of our brows to Regulate that Internal Policy by which we & not they are to be Afflicted these are the mighty Boons we ask & Traitors Rebels and every harsh appellation that Malice can dictate, or the Virulence of Language express are the Returns which we receive to the most humble Petitions and earnest Supplications. We have been told that Independance is our Object. Shall we seek to Shake off all connection with the Parent State? Could suggestion do not all our professions all our Actions Uniformly contradict this.

We again declare and we Invoke that almighty Being who Searches the Recesses of the Human heart and Knows our most Secret intentions, that it is our most earnest Wish & Prayer to be Restored with the other United Colonies to the State in which we and they were placed before the Year 1763 Disposed to glance over any Regulations to which Britain had made previous to this and which seem

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to be injurious & oppressive to these Colonies hoping that at some future day she will benignly interpose & Remove from us every cause of complaint. —

Whenever we have departed from the forms of the Constitution our own safety & self preservation have dictated the Expedient and if any Instances we have assumed powers which the Laws invest in the Sovereign or his Representatives it has been only in defence of our persons properties, & those Rights which God & the Constitution have made unalienably ours. — As soon as the cause of our Fears and apprehensions are Removed; with Joy will we Return these powers to their Regular & accustomed Channels, and such Institutions formed from new necessity shall end with that necessity which created them. —

These Expressions flow from an Affection bordering upon devotion to the succession of the House of Hanover as by Law Established from subjects who View it as a Monument that does Honour to Human Nature a Monument capable of teaching Kings how Glorious it is to Reign over a free people. These are the heart felt Effusions of Men ever ready to Spend their Blood & treasure when constitutionally called upon in support of that succession of his Majesty King George the third his Crown & Dignity & who fervently wish to Transmit his Reign to future Ages as the Æra of common happiness to his people. Could these our Sentiments reach the Throne surely our Sovereign would forbid the horrors of War & dissolation to intrude into this once peaceful & happy Land & would stop that deluge of Human Blood which now threatens to Overflow this Colony. Blood too precious to be Shed but in a common cause against the common Enemy of Great Britain & her Sons —

This Declaration we hold forth as a testimony of Loyalty to our Sovereign & Affection to our Parent State

and as a Sincere Earnest of our present & future intentions

We hope hereby to Remove those impressions which have been made by the Representations of weak & Wicked Men to the Prejudice of this Colony who thereby intended that the Rectitude of our designs might be brought into distrust & Sedition Anarchy & Confusion spread through this Loyal Province.

We have discharg'd a duty which we owe to the World, to ourselves, & Posterity and may the Almighty God give success, to the means we make use of so far as they are aimd to produce Just Lawful & good purposes and the Salvation & happiness of the whole British Empire 75

Resolvd that the Treasurers or either of them draw on the Continental Treasury out of the Sum directed to be drawn out of the Continental Funds for the use of the Army Five hundred pounds for each of the Three Delegates appointed to attend the Continental Congress in behalf of this Province instead of the like Sum ordrd to be paid them out of the Provincial Treasury

Resolvd that the Continental Troops to be Raisd in this Province be kept in pay three Months unless the Provincial Council should Judge it necessary to continue them longer and the said Council are impowered to Disband them at any time before or after the term of three Months when they shall Judge that their Service is unnecessary

Mr John Walker is appointed Captain of a Company in the Hillsborough District in the Room of Mr John Williams who Resignd

Resolvd that the Recruiting Officers of the Continental Army to be Raisd in this Province

Advance to each Non Commissiond Officer & Soldier who shall be enlisted Forty Shillings in part of his first Months pay. That ten Shillings be allowd to each Captain Lieutenant or Ensign for every Man which they shall Respectively Enlist & Enroll as a Soldier in the said Service as a full Compensation for their Expences in Recruiting their Men.

Resolvd that Samuel Johnston Esqr be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer for the Northern District & Richard Caswell Esqr be and he is hereby appointed Treasurer for the Southern District, which said Treasurers Respectively are invested with the same powers & authorities & entitled to the same Emoluments & liable to the like fines Penalties & forfeitures as Treasurers were by an Act of Assembly of this Province past'd in the year 1773 - intitled "an act for appointing Publick Treasurers & directing their duty in Office" and that each of them before they enter on the Execution of the said Office shall give Bond and sufficient Security in the sum of Fifty Thousand pounds Proclamation Money to the Provincial Council

Mr. Farquh. Campbell & Mr. King have leave of Absence from the Service of this House

Mr Caswell informed the Congress that as they had done him the Honour to appoint him Treasurer of the Southern District of this Province, and one of the Signers of the Publick Bills of Credit, his attending those duties would render it entirely out of his Power to attend the Continental Congress as one of the delegates

of this Province, he therefor requested this Congress would be pleased to appoint some other Gentlemen in his Stead

Whereupon it is resolved that John Penn Esq.r be & he is hereby appointed a delegate in behalf of this Province in Conjunction with William Hooper & Joseph Hewes Esq.rs and that he be invested with the same powers & entitled to the like allowance that the said Richard Caswell would have been vested with & entitled to under a former resolution of this Congress

Resolved that the Secretary as soon as the Congress rises deliver the Journals to Mr. James Green who is desired to Transcribe a fair Copy immediately & deliver it to Mr. James Davis who is desired to Print the same & send a Copy to each of the Members of this Congress as soon as possible

Mr Wade laid before the Congress a Letter from John Colston with a Recantation & Association entered into & signed by a Number of the people called Quakers with which this House is satisfied

Adjourned till tomorrow Morning 6.o Clock

Saturday 9.th September 1775

The Congress Met according to adjournm.t

The House taking into Consideration the appointment of Minute men of the field officers of the Minute men, came to the following Resolutions

Resolved that the follow persons be appointed for.t

Edw.d Vail	Col.	Edenton District	Jam.s Thackston Col.	Hills borough District
And.r Knox	L. Col.		John Williams L. C.	
Calib Nash	Majr		James Moore Majr	
Nicholas Long	Col.	Salisbury District	Rut.d Caswell Col	Newbern District
Henry Irwin	L. C.		William Bryan L. C.	
Jethro Sumner	Majr		James Gorham majr	
Thomas Wade	Col.	Salisbury District	Alexand.r Lillington Col.	Wilmington District
Adey Osborn	L. C.		Robert Ellis L. Col.o	
Joseph Hardy	Majr		Samuel Swann Majr	

51 And that the following persons be field Officers of the Militia —

Samuel Jarvis Col.
Dennis Dauge L.C. } Currituck
Taylor Jones 1. Majr } County.
Josiah Nicholson 2 Majr

John Lowry Col.
Isaac Gregory L.C. } Pasquotank
Jemsey Berguph 1. Majr } County.
Joshua Campbell 2 Majr

Miles Harvey Col.
William Skinner L.C. } Perquimi
Tho. Haracy — 1 Majr } County.
Richd Clayton 2 Majr

Thomas Bonner Col
James Blount — L.C. } Chowan
Tho. Benbury — 1 Majr } County.
Saml Hunter — 2 Majr

Thomas Whitmell Col.
Thomas Pugh — L.C. } Bertie
James Moore — 1 Majr } County
Arthur Brown 2 Majr

Benja Wynns — Col.
Mathew Bonner L.C. } Hertford
Lawrence Baker — 1 Majr } County
George Little — 2 Majr

Edwd Buncombe Col.
Benjn Blount — L.C. } Tyrrell
Jno Long — 1 Majr } County
Jno Spruill 2 Majr

William Williams Col
Whitmell Hill — L.C. } Martin
Tho. Wiggins — 1 Majr } County
Kenneth McKenzie 2 Majr

John Bradford Col.
William Eaton — L.C. } Halifax
David Sumner — 1 Majr } County.
Egbert Haywood 2 Majr

Allen Jones — Col.
William Eaton L.C. } N. Ampton
Arthur Atherton 1 Majr } County.
Howell Edmunds 2 Majr

William Haywood Col.
Thomas Haywood L.C. } Edgecomb
Joseph Moore — 1 Majr } County
Henry Horne jr 2 Majr

William Person — Col.
Philemon Hawkins jr L.C. } Bute County
William Alston — 1 Majr
Thos Sherwood — 2 Majr

Samuel Spencer — Col.
Charles Medlock — L.C.
David Reid — 1 Majr } Anson County
David Love — 2 Majr

Thomas Polk — Col.
Adam Alexander — L.C. } Mecklenburg
John Phifer — 1 Majr } County
John Davidson — 2 Majr

William Graham Col.
Chas. Maclaine — L.C. } Tryon County.
Thomas Beaty — 1 Majr
Fredk Hamright — 2 Majr

Ransom Southerland Col
James Martin — L.C.
John Paisley — 1 Majr } Guilford County
John Tate — 2 Majr

Martin Armstrong — Col.
Joseph Williams — L.C.
William Hall — 1 Majr } Surry County.
Joseph Winston — 2 Majr

Griffith Rutherford — Col.
Francis Locke — L.C.
John Dobbins — 1 Majr } Rowan County
James Brandon — 2 Majr

Joseph Leech — Col.
John Bryan — L.C.
Jno Bonner — 1 Majr } Craven
Fredk Burton — 2 Majr } County

William Thomson Col.
Solomon Sheppard L.C.
Tho. Chadwick — 1 Majr } Carteret County.
Malichi Bell — 2 Majr

James Bonner Col.
Thomas Bonner L.C.
Roger Osmond — 1 Majr } Beaufort County
William Brown 2 Majr

Rothias Eathan	Col	
Benj: Parmentier	Lt Col	Hyde County V
Wm Rufsel	1st Major	
Thomas Jones	2d Major	
Nicholas Bryan	Col	
William Bryan	Lt Col	Johnston County V
John Smith	1st Major	
Samuel Smith Jr	2 Major	
Abraham Shippard	Col	
Thomas Tomans	Lt Col	Dobbs Cy V
Martin Caswell	1st Major	
William McKennie	2d Major	
John Simpson	Col	
Robert Salter	Lt Col	Pitt Cy
George Evans	1st Major	
James Armstrong	2 Major	
John Davis	Col	
Thomas Davis	Lt Col	Brunk V
Richard Quince Jr	1st Major	
Parker Quince	2 Major	
William Kay	Col	
Jno Rhodes	Lt Col	Onslow Cy
Thomas Johnston	1st Major	
James Howard	2 Major	
James Kenow	Col	
Richard Clinton	Lt Col	Duplin Cy V
Thomas Routledge	1 Major	
James Moore	2 Major	
Thomas Cuthbertson	Col	
Jno McAllister	Lt Col	Cumberland Cy
Duncan McNeil	1 Major	
Alexr McDonald	2 Major	
William Purveance	Col	
Thompson Moseley	Lt Col	New Hanr Cy
William Moseley	1 Major	
John Devane	2 Major	
Thomas Robeson Jr	Col	
Thomas Brown	Lt Col	Bladen V
Thomas Owens	1 Major	
James Richardson	2 Major	

John Hogan	Col	
John Butler	Lt Col	Orange Cy
William Moore	1 Major	
Nathl Rochester	2 Major	
Joseph Taylor	Col	
Charles Rust Eaton	Lt Col	Granville Cy
Saml Smith	1 Major	
Wm Williams	2 Major	
John Hinton	Col	
Thos Hunter	Lt Col	Wake Cy
John Hinton Jr	1st Major	
Thos Hyon	2 Major	
Ambrose Ramsey	Col	
Jedithan Harper	Lt Col	Chatham Cy
Micajah Seurlock	1 Major	
Elisha Cain	2 Major	

And the Inspection of Minute men to be raised in each County is as follows Viz

Currituck	one Company
Pasquotank	one Company
Perquimans	one Company
Chowan	Two Companys
Bertie	Two Companys
Hertford	one Company
Tyrell	one Company
Martin	one Company
Hallifax	three Companys
Northampton	Two Company
Edgcomb	three Company
Bute	Two Company
Anson	Two Companys
Mecklenburg	Two Do
Tryon	Two Do
Guilford	one Do

Surry	one Company
Rowan	Two Companys
Craven	Two Companys
Carteret	one Company
Beaufort	one Company
Hyde	one Company
Johnston	one Company
Dobbs	Three Companys
Pitt	one Company
Brunswick	one Company
Onslow	Two Companys
Duplin	Two Companys
Cumberland	one Company
New Hanover	Two Companys
Bladen	Two Companys
Orange	Three Companys
Granville	Three Companys
Wake	Two Companys
Chatham	Two Companys

Resolved That on the death refusal to act or removal out of the Province of any of the Officers appointed or hereafter to be appointed for the Minute Men That the Committee of Safety for the District Shall appoint some person or persons to supply the place of Such Officer or Officers, ~~and in Case of Such Vacancy happening in the Militia Officers the Committee of the County shall appoint some person or persons to supply the place of Such Officer or Officers.~~

The Congress Adjourned 'til 10 Clock

The Congress met According to Adjournment

Agreeable to the Order of the Day the House Resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee Appointed for the purpose of preparing a plan for the Internal peace order & Safety of this Province &c &c And made Choice of Mr. William Kennon Chairman, and after some time Spent thereon Mr. President Resumed the Chair & the Chairman Reported as follows Viz

Resolved that it be recommended to the Congress to appoint in each District of this Colony a Committee of Safety to consist of a President & Twelve other Members, who shall sit Once every three Months at the Principal Town within their Respective Districts Vz. Wilmington, Newbern, Edenton, Halifax, Hillsborough, & Salisbury, and as often at other times within their Respective Districts as they may Judge Expedient & Necessary, and shall under the Controul of the Provincial Council hereafter mentioned Direct the Operations of the Militia & such other Forces as are & may be Employed for the safety protection & defence of this Colony within their Respective Jurisdictions, & Receive informations and censure & punish Delinquents, either in the first Instance, or as a superintending power over the Town & County Committees, such Committees of Safety to be Elected in Congress by ballot by the Members of the respective Districts

That it be Recommended as aforesaid to Elect by Ballot thirteen 41
persons to be Named by the Member of each District & one by the Congress who shall be Stiled the Provincial Council & they or a Majority of them shall Certify the Appointment of Officers in the Army during the Recess of the Congress and fill up Vacancies & grant Certificates, which shall be in the following form to Wit

N. Carolina
In Provincial Council } day of . . . 1775

This is to Certify that . . . . . was appointed Captain (or Lieutenant or Ensign as the case may be of Capt. . . . Company) in the . . . Regiment of foot of the American Army of this Province Commanded by Colonel . . . . . the . day of . . . 1775

That the Qualification & Test to be taken by Members of the Congress shall also be taken by the Members of the Provincial Council and Committees of Safety, before they be allowed to Act —

That the Provincial Council or a Majority of them as aforesaid shall be Vested with full power to Suspend any Officer in the Army or Militia when they shall Deem it necessary for the Public Service and shall within Thirty Days after such Suspension order a Regimental Court Martial to sit for the Trial of such Officer The Sentence of such Court Martial to be final unless otherwise Determined by the Congress

That the Provincial Council & the Committees of Safety in Subordination thereto shall have the direction, Regulation, maintenance & Ordering of the Army, and of all Military Establishments & Arrangements, 33
subject however to the Controul of the Congress

That the Provincial Council shall have full Power to call for the Militia, as in cases of Alarm, & to carry the Acts of Assembly now or lately in force with respect to the Militia into Execution, and shall have Authority to Reject such Officers chosen by the People as they shall disapprove — to Remove Officers upon Complaint to fill up

Vacancies — and to make out Appointments for such as shall have their Approbation —

That in general the Provincial Council be impowered to do and transact all such matters & things as they may Judge Expedient to strengthen secure & defend the Colony so as the same shall not extend to altering or suspending any Act or Resolution of the Congress. —

That the said Council be impowered & Authorized to draw on the Treasury for all Sums of Money necessary for the Public Service specifying for what particular Service each Sum of Money shall be applied for which they shall be Accountable to the Congress. —

That the Provincial Council shall meet at Johnston Court house on the third Tuesday in October next & once every three Months or oftener if necessary at that or such other place as they may think proper and may adjourn from time to time as they may Judge Expedient —

That the Members of the Provincial Council be allowed for their Expences in Travelling to from & attending at the Council on the Public Service Ten Shillings ℔ Day & Also for their Ferriages

That in case of a Vacancy in the said Council during the Recess of the Congress the Members of the Committee of Safety of the District wherein such Vacancy shall happen shall Nominate some proper Person to fill up such Vacancy to be chosen by Ballot —

That no Person holding a Military office from which he Receives or Expects Profit nor any person holding a Lucrative office under any of the Military Commanders in particular or the Army in General shall be capable to Act as a Member of the Provincial Council or of any of the Committees of Safety or a Representative of the People in Congress / Officers & Commanders of the Militia only excepted —

That a Majority of the Members of each of the Committees of Safety be a Quorum —

That the Provincial Council & the Committees of Safety in their Respective Districts shall have full power & Authority to Compel all Debtors who are suspected of an intention to Remove themselves out of this Colony / such Suspicion being first Sworn to before such Council or Committee / to give Security to their Creditors and in default thereof to cause the Person or Effects of such Debtors at the Option of the Creditors to be Seized & safely kept untill such Security be given or the Creditors otherwise satisfied / and that the County Committees have the same power to grant Remedies in like cases in all

Demands

Demands of Twenty Pounds & under. And the Committees of safety shall also have power & Authority to call all persons liable for Public Monies to Account & by distress of their Estates & Imprisonment of Persons to compel payment thereof, to the end that the Treasury may be supplied with Money for the present Exigencies of the Colony without burthening the people ——

That the powers of the different Committees of safety and the Provincial Council shall continue during the Recess of the Congress, & Untill it shall be otherwise determined therein; and that all the proceedings of the said Committees of safety & Provincial Council shall be laid before the Congress for their Inspection ——

That on the third Tuesday of October in every year the Freeholders in each County throughout this Province shall meet at the Court-House of such County & in the presence of three Inspectors to be appointed by the County Committee or Candidates, or any two of such Inspectors shall proceed to choose any Number of Persons not exceeding five to Represent them in Congress for one year in the same manner and under the same Regulations & Restrictions as near as may be as directed by an Act of Assembly of this Province entitled "An Act to Regulate Elections" ——

As such other persons as are by Law entitled to Vote for Members of Assembly and at the same time the Freeholders in each Town which hath Usually been Represented by a Member in the general Assembly shall also in like manner in presence of three Inspectors to be appointed by the Town Committee to Elect a Member to Represent them in Congress under the same Rules & Regulations as near as may be as have been Usually observed in Electing Members to sit and Vote in Genral Assembly ——

And the person or persons who shall appear to have the greatest Number of Votes shall by the Secretary of the Committee be Returned duly Elected to serve in Congress ——

Provided that nothing in the above Resolve shall be deemed to alter the mode of Voting observed in this and the last Congress by Counties & Towns. ——

And provided likewise that no Returning Officer shall be admitted to sit & Vote in Congress ——

And whereas great part of the Lands situate in that part of Lord Granvilles Territories comprehended in the Counties of Bute Granville, Wake, Chatham, Orange, Guilford, Rowan

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Surry & Mecklenburg County have been long settled by substantial
Inhabitants who have not been able to acquire legal Titles of
Freehold to their Land yet ought of right to have Votes in all Elections —

Resolved that all Housholders in the said Counties who have
Improved Lands in the possession Except such as hold Land by lease
for years or at will from or under any Freeholder shall Vote in all
Elections for the said Counties in like manner as freeholders in the other
Counties in this Province Anything in the foregoing Resolution
to the Contrary Notwithstanding —

That the Secretary or Clerk of each Respective Comittee
shall give Notice of each Annual Election at the most public places
within their Respective County & Town at least Twenty Days
before the time of such Election —

That the Congress of this Colony shall be Annually
held on the 10th day of November at such place as the preceding
Congress shall agree unless for Special Reasons Otherwise Directed
by the Provincial Council & the said Council shall ascertain
the time of holding the next Congress —

That the Delegates so Elected & qualified when met
in Congress shall before they enter upon any public Business
in the presence of at least three Members of the Provincial
Council Repeat & Subscribe the following Test — to wit

We the Subscribers professing our Allegiance to the King and
acknowledging the Constitutional Executive power of Govern-
ment do Solemnly profess Testify & declare that we do absolutely
believe that neither the Parliament of Great Britain nor any
Members or Constituent branch thereof hath a Right to impose
Taxes upon these Colonies to Regulate the Internal Police
thereof and that all Attempts by force or force to Establish &
Exercise such Claims & powers are Violations of the peace &
Security of the people and ought to be Resisted to the Utmost
and that the people of this Province singly & Collectively are
bound by the Acts & Resolutions of the Continental & Provincial
Congresses because in both they are freely Represented by Persons
chosen by themselves & we do solemnly & sincerely promise
& engage under the Sanction of Virtue honor & the sacred love
of Liberty & our Country to Maintain & Support all & every
the Acts Resolutions & Regulations of the said Continental
& Provincial Congresses to the Utmost of our power & abilities
In Testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands at
Hillsborough this day of —

That there be in each County a Committee not less than Twenty One persons who shall be freeholders a Majority of whom shall be a Quorum

That there be in each of the Towns of Edenton, Newbern and Wilmington a Committee to Consist of Fifteen persons & in every other Town in this Colony having a Right of Representation a Committee consisting of Seven Members Qualified as before mentioned — the Majority of the said Town Committees respectively to be a Quorum —

That every person having a Right to Vote for Delegates to set in Congress shall have a Right to Vote for Committee Men

That the Electors before they shall be suffered to Vote and the Elected before they shall ~~be suffered to~~ sit and act shall swear & Register to their Qualification

That there be a New Election of Committees yearly on the day fixed for Electing Delegates to sit in Congress and the same Mode shall be pursued in Electing Committee Men as Delegates —

That the Committee of every Town in this Colony may Act in Conjunction & be consolidated with the Committee of the County in ~~which~~ it is situated —

That every County & Town Committee shall meet on the first Day of their Respective Courts at their several Court-Houses or such other place as they may think proper and as much oftner as they may Judge necessary.

That the different Committees within their respective Jurisdictions shall execute all such orders as may be received by them from the Committee of Safety and the Provincial Council, shall superintend the observance of the General Association and the resolves orders and Dirations of the Continental and Provincial Congresses.

That each Town & County Committee may make such further rules and Regulations within their respective districts as to them shall appear Necessary

So that they do not presume to inflict Corporal Punishment on any offender whatsoever imprisonment only excepted. ‡ That no person in this province shall presume to Commence any action whatsoeva in any Court of Law before any Majistrate in this province from and after the tenth day of September Instant without application to, and leave from the Committee of the County in which his Debtor resides, nor shall any such then depending be proceeded on without the approbation of such Committee such Execution shall not hereafter issue, in any Case whatsoever till the Provincial Congress shall make further order therein, ‡

That all Sales by Virtue of Mortgages and Letters of Attorney are Comprehended within the intent & Meaning of the foregoing resolve.

That the Respective Town & County Committees shall immediately after their Nomination & Qualification elect by Ballot out of their own Members Seven persons to act as a Committee of Secrecy, Intelligence and observation who shall Correspond with the Provincial Council the Committees of Safety, and the other Committees in this and the Neighbouring Colonies and shall have power to take up and Examine all Suspected persons, and if Necessary send them to the Provincial Council or the Committees of Safety for their Respective districts.

Then on Motion Resolved the foregoing report be Concurred with ——

The Committee appointed to state Mr James Davis's Acct. Reported as follows Viz.t

Your Committee are of Opinion that the Charge of Seven Hundred & fifty pounds Salary for three years, if due, is a charge against a particular fund which the Treasurers Appointed by Act of Assembly are Accountable for, that the other charges are for Services ~~done for the Public~~ done for the Public, which that Salary was Originally intended to Compensate, and for which your Committee think the Salary is sufficient Satisfaction because the same Individuals constitute the Public, whether Represented in Assembly or Congress —

In Congress Concurr'd with

Resolved that a Sum Not exceeding one thousand Pounds be Advanced by either of the Treasurers to Mr. Willie Jones One of the Superintendants Appointed for the Southern District by the General Congress, to be laid out in part or the whole at his discretion in Presents to the Indians & for his own Expences & that he be Accountable as aforesaid to this Congress

Resolved that the following persons be a Provincial Council Viz.t

The Honourable Samuel Johnston Esq.re
Cornelius Harnett & Samuel Ashe Esq.rs for the District of Wilmington
Thomas Jones & Whitmell Hill Esq.rs for the District of Edenton
Abner Nash & James Coor Esq.rs for the District of Newbern
Thomas Person & John Kinchin Esq.rs for the District of Hillsborough
Willie Jones & Thomas Eaton Esq.rs for the District of Halifax
Samuel Spencer & Wightstill Avery Esq.rs for the District of Salisbury

Resolved that the Committees of Safety for the several Districts in this Province be Composed of the following Persons, to Wit,

For the District of Wilmington, Frederick Jones Sampson Moseley, Archibald Maclaine, Richard Quince, Thomas Davis, William Gray, Henry Rhodes, Thomas Routledge, James Kenan, Alexander Wallaster George Myline, John Smith & Benjamin Stone

For the District of Edenton, Luke Sumner, William Gray, John Johnston, Thomas Benbury, Gedeon Lamb, Joseph Jones, Miles Harvey, Laurance Baker, Kenneth McKenzie, Stevens Lee, Charles Blount, Isaac Gregory & Day Ridley

For the District of Hillsborough — William Taylor Joseph Taylor, Samuel Smith, John Atkinson, John Butler, William Johnston, John Hinton, Joel Lane, Michael Rogers, Ambrose Ramsey, Michael Sevier John Thompson & John Lark

For the District of Newbern, John Easton, Mayer Lewis, Roger Ormond, Edward Salter, George Barrow, William Thompson, William Tisdale, Benjamin Williams, Richard Ellis, Richard Cogdell William Brown, James Glasgow & Alex.r Gaston

For the District of Salisbury, John Crawford, James Auld, Hezekiah Alexander, Benj.a Patten, John Brevard, Griffith Rutherford, William Hill, John Hamlin Charles Galloway, William Dent, Robert Ewart & Maxwell Chambers — And for the District of Halifax James Leslie, John Bradford, David Sumner, Allen Jones, William Eaton, Drury Goe, John Norwood, Theo.s Henry Pattillo, James Mills, William Haywood, Duncan Lemmon, William Billamy, & John Webb

The Congress Adjourned till to Morrow Morning 6 o'Clock

Sunday Sept. 10th 1775

Met Aurding to Adjournment

Whereas the Independant Companies now Subsisting in this province may probably interfere with the Regulations of Minute Men, Resolved that the same be & they are hereby Dissolved, but any person or persons after the Regulars & Minute men are compleated may, with Leave of the Committee of the County, wherein he or they reside form Independant Company (or Companies subject to the Regulations of Such Committee

Resolved that it be Recommended to Such of the Inhabitants of this province as may not be provided with Bayonets to their Guns, to procure the same as soon as possible & keep them 89 thereinn provided to turn out at a Minute Warning

Whereas the Magistrates Nominated in the last Commission of the Peace Issued by his Excellency for the County of Wm, have refused to Qualify for Reasons Laudable in themselves, but seme it is absolutely Necessary that Courts should be held in every County for the Probate of Deeds, Wills granting Administration Guardianships &c

Resolved that it be & it is hereby Recommended to the Magistrates in the Said Commissions Mentioned to Qualify & hold Courts under the Same

The Congress taking into Consideration the encouragement of Manufactures within this Province entered into the following Resolutions Viz.t

Resolved that the Sum of Twenty five pounds be paid for every hundred weight of good Merchantable Salt Petre that shall be made and Manufactured in this Province and Delivered to the Committee Provincial Council within the Space of Six Months from this time, and that the Sum of Twenty pounds be paid for every hundred weight of good Merchantable Salt Petre that shall be made & Manufactured in this

this province, and delivered to the said Committee within six Months next following, and so in proportion for any greater quantity.

Resolved that the Sum of two Hundred pounds be paid for the first five hundred Weight of good Merchantable Gun powder equal in goodness to Gun powder imported from great Britain of the price of Eighty five Shillings Sterling per hundred weight that shall be made and Manufactured in this province and Delivered to the Provincial Council within the Space of Six Months from this time; and that the Sum of one Hundred & fifty pounds be paid for the Second five Hundred ~~pounds~~ weight of good Merchantable Gun Powder that shall be made and Manufactured in this province equal in goodness as aforesaid and Delivered to the said Council within Twelve Months next following & so in proportion for any greater quantity.

Resolved that a Premium of Two Hundred and fifty pounds be given to the first person who shall Erect and Build a Rolling and Slitting Mill for the purpose of preparing Iron to make Nails, and which Mill shall be actually set to work and five Tons of Iron slit out within this province and approved of by the Provincial Council within two years from this time, and that the Sum of two Hundred pounds be given to the person who shall Erect and build a Second Rolling and Slitting Mill for the purpose aforesaid, and which Mill shall be Actually set to work & five Tons of Iron ~~&c~~ slit out within this province & approved of by the Provincial Council within two years from this time

Resolved

Resolved that a Premium of Fifty Pounds be given to the person who shall first make in a Workmanlike Manner fifty pair of Cotton Cards of wire made & drawn in this province equal in goodness to Cotton cards imported from Great Britain of the price of two Shillings Sterling pr pair. Also the like premium to the person who shall first make in a Workmanlike Manner one Hundred pair of Woollen Cards equal in goodness to Woollen Cards imported from Great Britain of the price of fifteen pence Sterling pr pair, the same to be delivered and approved of by Provincial Council within twelve Months from this time.

Resolved that a premium of Fifty pounds be given to the first person who shall make in a workmanlike Manner Twenty five Dozen pins, each Dozen to Contain Twelve Thousand of Wire drawn in this province to be equal in goodness to pins imported from great Britain of the price of Seven Shillings & Six pence Sterling per Dozen, the same to be delivered and approved of by the Provincial Council within twelve Months from this time.

Resolved that a premium of Fifty pounds be given to the first person who shall make in a Workmanlike Manner twenty five Thousand Needles sorted such as are, had from Great Britain from Number one to Number twelve inclusive to be equal in goodness to Needles imported from great Britain of the Price of two Shillings and six pence Sterling per Thousand, the same to be delivered and approved of by the Provincial Council within twelve Months from this time.

Resolved a premium of one Hundred pounds be given to the first person who shall Erect and Build a Furnace for manufacturing of good Merchantable Steel equal in goodness to ~~British~~ Bristol Steel, and which Furnace shall be actually set to work and one Ton of good Merchantable Steel as aforesaid at least be produced to the Provincial Council and approved

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approved of by the said provincial Council and approved of by the said provincial Council within Eighteen Months from this time, and that the Sum of Twenty five pounds be given to the person who shall Erect and build a Second Furnace for Mainufacturing of good Merchantable Steel equal in goodness to Bristol Steel, and which Furnace shall be Actually set to work and one Ton of good Merchantable Steel as aforesaid at least be produced to the provincial Council and approved of by the said Council within the time aforesaid.

Resolved a premium of two Hundred and fifty pounds be given to the first person who shall Erect and build a Mill for Manufacturing of Brown, Whited Brown and good Writing Paper and which Mill shall be Actually set to work and Thirty Reams of Brown, thirty Reams of Whited Brown and thirty Reams of Writing Paper at least be produced to the Provincial Council and approved of by the said Council within Eighteen Months from this time, the Brown paper to be of equal goodness to Brown paper imported from Great Britain of the price of two Shillings and Six pence Sterling ~~p.~~ Ream the Whited Brown equal in goodness to whited Brown paper imported of the price of three Shillings Sterling per Ream, and Writing Paper equal in goodness as aforesaid to eight Shillings Sterling ~~p~~ Ream

Resolved

Resolved that a premium of Fifty pounds be given to the person who shall produce to the provincial Council the finest piece of Linen to Contain Twenty five yards at least not less than one yard Wide, and not ~~less~~ of less Value than imported Linen of the price of three Shillings Sterlg. ℔ yard being the first Cost in Great Britain, the same to be produced to the said Council and approved of within twelve Months from this time, and that the Sum of Twenty five pounds be given to the person who shall produce to the said Committee the next best ~~finest~~ piece of Linen of the same length and width and not of less Value than imported Linen of the price of two Shillings and Six pence Sterling ℔ yard being the first cost in great Britain the same to be produced to the said Council and approved of within the time aforesaid. And that the Sum of twenty pounds be given to the person who shall produce to the said Committee the third best piece of Linen of the same length and Width and not of less Value than imported Linen of the price of two Shillings Sterling ℔ yard being the first Cost in great Britain the same to be produced to the said Committee and approved of within the time aforesaid

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Resolved that a premium of one Hundred pounds be given to the person who shall produce to the provincial Council six pieces of Woollen Cloth well Dressed each piece to contain twenty five yards at least not less than three Quarters of one yard wide and not of less Value than imported Cloth of the price of four Shillings

Shillings and Six pence Sterling p Yard being the first cost in great Britain the same to be produced to the said Council and approved of within Twelve Months from this time.

Resolved that a premium of Seven Hundred and fifty pounds be given to any person who shall Erect and build proper works for Manufacturing of Common Salt on the Sea Shore for the purpose of supplying this province with that useful Article upon proper proof being made to the Provincial Council that such works actually are erected & proper for the purpose and at the same time produce to the said Council Fifty Tons of good Merchantable ground or Blown Salt within Eighteen Months from this time.

Resolved that a Premium of one hundred Pounds be given to the person who shall refine the greatest quantity of Sulpher in such a manner that the same may be used in the making and Manufacturing of Gunpowder who shall produce the same to the provincial Council within Eighteen Months from this time, and that no person shall be intitled to the above premium unless he produces before the said Council One Thousand weight of the said Sulpher.

Resolved a premium of five hundred Pounds be given to any person who shall Erect & build a Furnace for Manufacturing of good Merchantable Pig Iron and hollow Iron Ware, and which

Furnace shall be Actually set to work and ~~One~~ Hundred Tons of Pig Iron, Iron hollow Ware and other ~~Hard~~ Articles Necessary for the Use of the Inhabitants of this Province be produced to the provincial Council within two Years from this time, and also full proof must be made to the said Provincial Council, that such Furnace Actually is Erected and proper for the above Mentioned purpose:

Resolved that each and every person who shall intitle him or herself to any of the said Premiums, and who shall have obtained a Certificate of the same from under the hands & Seals of the Provincial Council or a Majority of them, and upon such Certificate or Certificates being produced to any one of the Treasurers of this Province the Sum Expressed in such Certificate or Certificates shall be immediately paid by such Treasurer —

The Congress resumed the Consideration of the report of the Committee to State the public Debt.

Resolved the Consideration of the said Committee lie over to the next Congress.

Resolved that Mr Richard Caswell, Mr James Davis & Mr James Green jun. Revise and Correct the Journal of this Congress.

Whereas many persons in this province are doubtful whether they ought to pay their public Taxes now due; in order therefore to remove their doubts and to enable the Sheriffs of the Several Counties within the province to Collect the Same, Resolved that this Congress recommend to

to the people to pay up all Taxes due before the present time but no further until further orders except County & parish Taxes

Resolved that Mr. Andrew Knox be allowed the Sum of Seventy five pounds as Clerk to this Congress, that the Treasurers or either of them pay him the same & be allowed in their Accounts with the ~~Public~~ Congress

That Mr James Green jun. be allowed the Sum of Fifty pounds as an Assistant to this Congress to be paid by the Public Treasurers or either of them. —

That Mr. Thomas Craike be allowed the Sum of Fifty pounds as an Assistant to this Congress to be paid by the Public Treasurers or either of them —

That Mr. Francis Lynaugh and Evan Swann door keepers to the Congress be allowed the Sum of Thirty pounds each for their attendance on this Congress &c. and that Francis Lynaugh be allowed a further Sum of three pounds for Extra Services to the Congress

Resolved that Lewis Costa be allowed the Sum of three pounds for going Express on the Service of this Congress; that the Treasurers or either of them pay him the same and be allowed in their Accounts &c. ——

Ordered that the foregoing Orders & Resolu-
tions be Signed & Certified as the Acts of the Congress by

Sam Johnston, President

By Order

Andrew Moore Secretary